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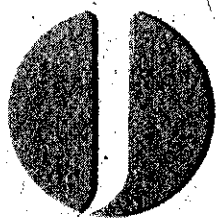
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Ed Ambacher (center) sits with his family in his Antioch home. Pictured from left to right in the top row are his daughter, Becky, his granddaughter, Ainsley, his wife, Marytherese, his dog Bucktail. Pictured in the front row are Ed, his grandson, Joey, and his other dog Marabou. Not pictured is Ed's son-in-law Joe.

Humble, happy father

Dad, grandpa shows what family, love is all about

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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ANTIOCH — At his lakefront home, Ed Ambacher of Antioch loves spending time with his grandchildren, Joey and Ainsley.

Joey, 3, loves going fishing with grandpa, and grandpa loves going with him, too.

Ainsley, 16 months, is more preoccupied trying on other people's shoes, but that doesn't stop grandpa from giving her love and affection.

Becky DeRosa, Joey and Ainsley's mom, cannot help but smile when she sees her kids play with her dad.

"My son just adores him. They both do," Becky said. "He will just hold them and kiss them and is

very lovey to them, and that means a lot to me because I love seeing that kind of relationship."

Even though Becky gives her dad so much praise for what he does with her and her kids, Ed is very humble about his role as a father and grandfather.

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Exposing excellence

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What did you get your dad for Father's Day?

- Card
- Round of golf
- Brand-new tie
- Used tie from my closet

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Last week's question:

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- Not going out as much (82%)
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- Walking a lot more (4%)
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Transportation tale

Center for Independent Living is helping Richard Kimbrough and others get around. PAGE 7B

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Happy Father's Day and more unschooling

We're honoring fathers this issue
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On the front cover of six of our
seven weekly newspapers, we fea-
tured a story about a dad.

At LakeCountyJournals.com, we
have a photo slideshow of all the dads
that we featured.

This week, we're giving it up for
the papas.

Father's Day is always a strange
day for me. I haven't spent a Father's
Day with my dad in at least a decade.
He lives near Seattle. I live near
Chicago. And airfare isn't cheap.

I'll send him a card, of course, and
maybe a Beatles CD.



**Joe
Grace**

But it would be nice one of these
years to fly out to Seattle and play a
round of golf with him on Father's
Day.

And one of these years I'm going
to do exactly that. But until then, I'm
glad I got the chance to highlight area
dads, Happy Father's Day, everyone.

I received a lot of response to my
"Going for Gusto" column about un-
schooling last week, which always
makes me happy even when it's in the
form of angry e-mails.

I found it pretty cool that there are
so many parents in the area who un-
school their kids and care enough to
write to me that they thought I was
treating the subject too lightly.

Unschooling is when parents don't
direct a child's learning, but rather
aid him or her in learning more
about specific interests. That's not an
exact definition, but it will have to
work. I have limited space here.

While my column might have been
poking fun at the concept, joking
aside, I think the idea has merit.

I, for one, almost always learned
more on my own than at school. If I
became interested in a subject, I'd
check out as many books as the li-
brary would allow on it. I wiped out
the sharks section one week.

And if a kid learns better on their
own, then, by all means, that's how
they should learn. Even if they're
missing out on mystery meat and
other unique school experiences.

• Write to managing editor Joe
Grace at jgrace@nwnewsgroup.com.

Antioch man shares his time with family, others

• AMBACHER

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"I don't know that any of it stands
out," Ed said about the things he does
with his family.

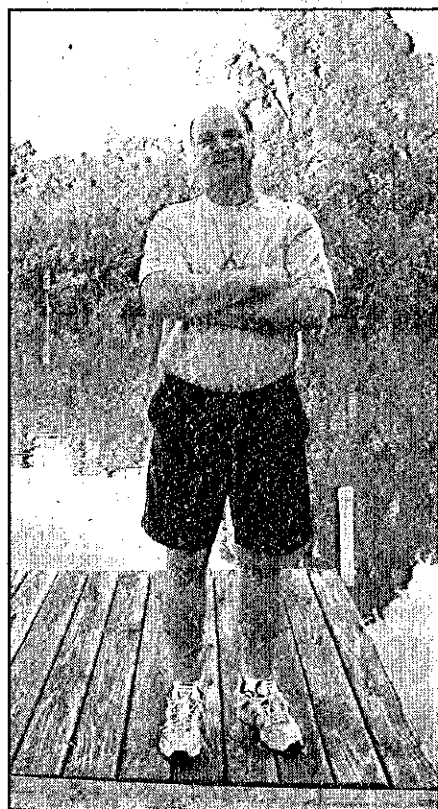
In addition to playing with kids, Ed
also will help out with baby-sitting and
doing work on Becky and her husband,
Joe's, home. But Ed's handy work also
can come in handy for the kids. In Ed
and his wife, Marytherese's, backyard is
a playground pirate ship he built for the
kids.

Ed's helpful nature doesn't end with
his family. He and Marytherese also are
very active in their church, the
Community Church of the Holy Spirit in
Antioch. And they both are involved
with Open Arms Mission, a food distri-
bution center in Antioch.

Because of Ed's handy work, he will
build a lot of things for his church such
as scenery and the church's new altar.
Ed also built the offices at the building
at Open Arms Mission.

Ed also is quick to mention that
Marytherese is on the board of direc-
tors at Open Arms Mission and is a
Eucharist minister at Community
Church.

"He never gives himself enough
credit for what he does. So I'm sure
whatever he told, he does 10 times more
than what he said," Becky said. "He
kind of quietly gets involved in every-
thing and is behind the scenes in help-
ing out."



Jessica Jacobsen - jjacobsen@nwnewsgroup.com
Ed Ambacher stands on a pier in his back-
yard of his Antioch home. Ambacher has a
daughter and two grandchildren.

With all the praise Ed gets from his
family, he still doesn't think of Father's
Day in terms of himself.

"It's funny," Ed said. "When we talk
about Father's Day or Mother's Day, I

He never gives himself enough
credit for what he does. So I'm
sure whatever he told, he does
10 times more than what he
said. He kind of quietly gets in-
volved in everything and is be-
hind the scenes in helping out.

Becky DeRosa

Ed Ambacher's daughter

think about my mother and father."
Both of Ed's parents are dead so the
holidays serve as a reminder to him
about what they did.

"I'm not really comfortable with my
role in Father's Day, but I guess that's up
to my daughter," he said.

Becky added that Ed is not just a
good dad and grandpa, but also a good
son-in-law.

His in-laws live next door to him, and
he helps out with them as well, Becky
said.

Even though Father's Day is Sunday,
June 15, Ed is not planning anything
special, just doing some work on his
house and around the yard. But that's
just the kind of guy he is.



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Kids perform at St. Peter's Church third annual Community Festival. The festival took place Sunday, June 8 at Williams Park in Antioch.

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St. Peter's raises funds, spirits

By SEAN KELLY

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ANTIOCH — Stormy weather couldn't dampen the fun at St. Peter's third annual Community Festival. Members of the parish, children, and pastors all flocked to Williams Park for the event.

The June 8 event was hosted by the Rock Cycle. Rock Cycle member Jim Pasquesi said the purpose of the group is to foster volunteerism and community spirit at St. Peter's.

Jim's wife and fellow Rock Cycle member Donna Pasquesi said the festival is a way to raise money and

build relationships with churchgoers.

"[The purpose is] to meet other Petes, to socialize, and have fun," she said, adding that the Rock Cycle needed money to fund their efforts so they came up with the idea for the festival three years ago.

Her husband said the funds help pay for communication needs as well as other needs of the parish.

The festival featured a reprise of "Grease" by students from St. Peter's Grade School, a contemporary choir sing along, and a performance of 1960s music by the Late Nighters, as well as a DJ, children's

games, moon bounces, and grilled food served by the Knights of Columbus. Randy Melind, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 3800, said the Knights were happy to help with the event because of the social aspect it brings to the St. Peter's community. Melind said that throughout the course of going to Mass every week, churchgoers might start to recognize fellow parishioners but never get the chance to meet them. Melind said events like the Parish Festival are a good way for people to have fun.

"It brings everyone together in a festive way," Melind said.

The Rev. Ron Anglim of St. Peter's said social events like the Parish Festival are important to the parish because it makes for a better atmosphere to worship in.

"The better you know the people, the better you can worship. ... it creates a big family," Anglim said.

Rain and lightning loomed in the skies before the event, but the weather cleared just long enough for the festival to occur. Despite the weather, Melind said, he was pleased with the turnout.

"We're very happy with the crowd with the weather we got," Melind said.

>> OurTown



Jessica Jacobsen

Show your support

Relay For Life is approaching, so you know what that means? Local groups are starting their fundraisers to support the American Cancer Society.

One of those groups is the **Bankers for a Cure** team. Bankers for a Cure will have a bake sale/silent auction with a Father's Day theme to help raise money. The fundraiser will be on two days; from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 13, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14. The fundraiser will be at both the Antioch and Lindenhurst State Bank of the Lakes branches.

The Antioch location is at 440 Lake St., and the Lindenhurst location is at 2031 E. Grand Ave.

Bankers for a Cure has a fundraising goal of \$15,000, so don't be afraid to give them a hand.

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Edwards is a graduate of Antioch Community High School.

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Enck is a graduate of Antioch Community High School.

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Don't forget that **Father's Day** is Sunday, June 15. Find ways to show dads or grandpas how much they mean to you.

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Antioch to host craft faire

Crafters to fill downtown area

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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ANTIOCH - Father's Day and Flag Day might be taking place this weekend, but that isn't stopping the Antioch Chamber of Commerce from hosting its Summer Arts and Crafts Faire.

In fact, Barbara Porch, the chamber's executive director, said this year's event will have almost 150 vendors.

"[It's] the largest craft fair the chamber has ever hosted," she said.

The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 14, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 15. Booths will be on Orchard Street and Skidmore Drive.

The increased number of vendors is a positive testament to Antioch, Porch

said.

"It's a good indication that the crafters enjoy coming to Antioch," she said.

One of the reasons Porch thinks crafters like coming to Antioch is because the chamber does not allow just anyone to have a booth. Vendors are selected by a juried panel, and sometimes they are turned away.

But with almost 150 booths, it looks like the panel saw that a lot of artisans have treasures to offer.

One of the new vendors at this fair specializes in making objects that have a log theme such as log tables, log frames and much more.

"Every year we have new crafters with new creative ideas," Porch said.

Other items listed as being available include woods, metals, jewelry, ceramics, apparel, quilts, candles, photography, purses, and home-baked goods for humans and animals.

As much as people enjoy the craft fair,

Porch said, it also is important to the downtown shops.

"It's important to shop the craft fair and then shop the downtown area," she said.

Even though Porch spends a lot of her time getting ready for the fair, she does find time to peruse the booths and do some shopping of her own.

"I do some of my holiday and birthday shopping," she said.

This is the second of four craft fairs the chamber will have this year. It is the first year the chamber will have four craft fairs in the more than 30 years it has hosted such events.

"The chamber is quite proud to bring such a nice event to the community," Porch said.

The chamber's Fall Arts and Crafts Faire will be Sept. 6 and 7. Porch said dates have not been determined for the winter fair, but should be available on the organizations' Web site, www.antiochchamber.org, in July.

Opportunities open up for church

Community Church of the Holy Spirit moves to new location in Antioch

By DIANA DAVIS
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ANTIOCH - The Community Church of the Holy Spirit, led by the Rev. Scott J. Keenan, recently moved to 23946 Grass Lake Road in Antioch.

"We are very excited about the opportunities this new city and location will hold for us," Keenan said.

Originally located in Lake Villa, this parish house is situated on 5 acres of land, just north of Deep Lake Road. Keenan said he is eager to

Learn more

To learn more about Community Church of the Holy Spirit, call Father Scott Keenan at 847-838-7729 or visit www.myholyspirit.com.

begin renovations on the new space.

The newly acquired land will give us ample room to build our new church, child nursery, classrooms, and parish office," Keenan said.

The Community Church of the Holy Spirit is a charismatic, orthodox, Catholic

church offering a home to all Christians who seek a foundation for their lives," Keenan added.

In the meantime, they have a two-year contract with the Lake Villa/Antioch Township Center at 1625 Deep Lake Road.

"Our parish has been increasing in numbers since our inception in 2004, so we require more room," Keenan said.

Sunday divine liturgy services will be held in the main atrium at 10:30 a.m. while renovation of the new facility progresses.

Intercessory prayer will be on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. and Friday morning divine liturgy services will be at 9 a.m. and will be offered at the parish house on Grass Lake Road despite the ongoing renovations.

"It's not the dwelling that's important," Keenan said. "It's the message that is delivered and we can do that anywhere."

For more information, contact Father Scott at 847-838-7729 or fatherscott@myholyspirit.org.

Something Sweet in Antioch team with VFW

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ANTIOCH - The Something Sweet & Gourmet Shop recently teamed with the Antioch Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary to do something sweet for our soldiers. Owner Michele Michel said, "The VFW Adopt-A-Package program sends gift boxes to units with soldiers from Lake County serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We thought they might like something sweet, so we made over 300 pounds of fudge for the troops. It feels so good to be able to give a little taste of home to the men and women who make me so proud to be an American."

Barb Gray, president of the VFW Post 4551 Ladies Auxiliary and 5th District junior vice-president, said, "Something Sweet made a major donation, about \$3,500 worth of fudge. The guys loved it, and we got plenty of response to the gift

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VFW Post 4551 Ladies Auxiliary president

boxes. Troops sent us flags that had flown over their stations and personal letters of thanks. It really lifts their spirits to receive packages and letters from home."

Jean Oravetz is the Auxiliary's Coordinator of the Adopt-A-Package program.

She also is the mother of a soldier who has served overseas.

"I have a soft spot for our military personnel because I have two nephews serving in the Marines," Michel said. "Now, to honor all our military personnel, Something Sweet will offer a 15 percent discount on all purchases at our shop to those currently serving in the military. All they have to do is show their military ID. We want to thank all our troops for serving our country, keeping us safe at home and free to enjoy the American Dream."

Something Sweet has been an Antioch tradition for 10 years, selling homemade fudge, candy, and gourmet foods from its storefront at 891 Main St. See the Web site at www.4somethingsweet.com.

>> Births

Sarah Autumn Rogers, a daughter, was born May 22 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Michael Rogers and Pamela Gwynne of Antioch. Grandparents are Kathleen Mullins of Antioch; Gary Rogers Sr. of Lake Villa; Andrew and Anne Gwynne of Antioch. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Irene Rogers of Lake Villa and Calvin and Pearl Gwynne of Libertyville.

Isaiah Jayden Conejo, a son, was born May 6, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Tiffany and David Donejo of

Antioch. His siblings are Elijah, 3 and Alicya, 4. Grandparents are Kathleen Shuth of Antioch; Mike Shuth of Trevor, Wis.; Justino Cnejo of Round Lake and Esmeralda Gomez of Antioch.

Alexis Leigh Fries, a daughter, was born May 1 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Jason and Rhonda Fries of Antioch. Grandparents are Jim and Andrews Sanders of Antioch; Joel Fries of Antioch; Raymond and Lorene Deckert of Lake Villa. Great-grandparents are Edward and Patricia Jahneke of Trevor, Wis.

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Join the Summer Reading Program

This summer's theme is: Get in the Game, READ!

Registration began June 1 and ends June 15. The Summer Reading Program begins on June 16 and ends on July 28.

Join us for its kickoff with Walter King the Spellbinder. He will be performing magic, music, and illusions. The performance is for children ages 3 and older.

There will be a performance at 1 p.m. and another at 2 p.m. on June 16. Registration is required.

Michael Lockett, the Normal Story-Teller will entertain with special stories. Dr. Lockett is a teller of traditional tales.

He has the ability to use audience participation as he tells his tales and actively engage the listeners in the telling of his stories.

Two performances will take place at 1 and 2:15 p.m. June 24.

Let's Talk Books

The children's book discussion group meets on the following dates. Please register at the Children's Reference desk where you also can get a copy of the book.

"Rules" by Cynthia Lord
When: June 18, at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Summer Reading

Get in the Game of Life is our theme for the Summer Reading Program. Choose books or audio books and keep track of what you read or listen to. The program ends July 28.

Prizes will be awarded upon completion. Please register at the Adult Reference began June 1.

You've Got Games!

Board games and card games

are available for people to play. If you have a favorite, you can bring that, too. Reading and arithmetic skills are necessary for most games. Join the library for this from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17.

Crafts 4 Fun

Do you scrapbook, create with beads, sew or crochet? Bring your favorite craft with you to the library to work on while you visit with your friends.

Snacks & drinks provided. This class is for kids 11 and older and will take place July 29.

Summer Reading Program

Join the library for the adult summer reading program to Exercise Your Mind and Stretch Your Imagination.

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The staff of Antioch Public Library District is here to help expand reading choices and stretch people's imaginations with book suggestions on various subjects and genres that may be new to you.

Listen to audio books or read this summer and win fun prizes.

Each adult summer reading participant will receive a prize upon registration, at midpoint, and upon completion.

There also will be a prize wheel to spin for a chance to win even more fun prizes. Registration began June 1.

Crafters' Get-together

Are you looking for company, conversation, and crafting? Come out of the heat and bring your craft project and supplies. The library will provide the table and chairs.

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• **Alcoholic's Anonymous meetings.** Several meetings throughout Lake County on a daily basis. Call 847-362-1811 or visit www.district10nia.org for meeting information.

• **Domestic Violence Victim support groups.** Several held throughout Lake County. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450; TTY at 847-249-6557; or visit www.asafeplaceforhelp.org.

ANTIOCH

• **Antioch Planning and Zoning Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second Thursdays. Municipal Building, 874 Main St. Call 847-395-1000 to confirm.

• **Antioch Village Board regular meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Village Hall, 874 Main St.

• **Antioch Park Board meeting.** 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Municipal Building, 874 Main St. For more information, call 847-395-1000.

• **Antioch Community High School Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays.

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinocle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 4-6 p.m., third Wednesdays. VFW Post 4551, 75 North Ave. \$10/shot. Call 847-377-8470 for details.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive. Call Dorothy at 847-395-7407 or Betty at 847-838-3907 for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Petrucci's Italian Market & Cafe, 311 Depot St. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Contact Melissa at 847-489-8044, e-mail at mjrigrioni@hotmail.com, or Larry Mondie at 847-650-9530, e-mail at brscoops@aol.com for more information.

• **Antioch Township Republican Club meeting.** 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Antioch Township offices. Call Brent Bluthardt at 847-838-0212 for more information.

• **Antioch Coin Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Antioch Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Call JoAnne at 847-395-4738 for more information.

• **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 10 a.m., third Thursdays. Call Chris at 847-840-6464 for details.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

BEACH PARK

• **Zion Genealogical Society meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, June 16. Beach Park Village Hall, Lower Level, 11270 W. Wadsworth Road.

John Jeffers will present "Confederate Records." For more information, call Joanne Layne at 847-360-0360.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• **"Papa Loves Mambo" Fox Valley Chapter of USA Dance dance.** 7-11 p.m., Saturday, June 14. Sage Gallery, Lakeside Legacy Arts Park, 401 Country Club Road. There will be free snacks, prizes and surprises. A variety of ballroom dance music will be played by DJ Dr. Rod. The dress code is dressy casual, no gym shoes or blue jeans. Admission is \$8 per person for members and \$12 per person for non-members. For more information, call 847-639-8699.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Blood Drive.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, June 17. College of Lake County, Anderson Court, Building A, 19351 W. Washington St. Donors will receive a free backstage pass to the Vans Warped Tour '08 Aug. 2 at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre in Tinley Park. Call the CLC Health Center at 847-543-2064 for an appointment. Walkins also welcome.

GURNEE

• **Community Service Shred Day.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, June 19. Gurnee Hunt Club Park Community Center, 920 N. Hunt Club Road. Free confidential shredding of personal documents, limited of 3 grocery bags per person. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Northern Illinois Food Bank appreciated. For more information, call Marla at 847-636-3750.

• **Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Members meet to develop communication and leadership skills. For more information, call Sam Valenti at 847-722-2828, or visit <http://danielwright.free-toasthost.org>.

• **Lake County Gem and Mineral Society meeting.** 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Road. For more information, call Rachel Schreiner at 847-973-1808.

• **Gurnee Jaycees, Gurnee/Lindenhurst chapter, meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Wednesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Visit www.gurneejaycees.org or write to Jaycees, P.O. Box 465, Gurnee, IL 60031 for more details.

INGLESIDE

• **C.O.O.L. Food Pantry West.** Mondays, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; fourth Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 25519 W. Route 134. Open to any Lake County resident with ID. For more information, call 847-662-1230.

LAKE VILLA

• **Rummage Sale Extravaganza.** 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, June 12-13, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 14. Prince of Peace Parish, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave. Tax forms available. For donation pickups, call 847-356-6111 or e-mail poprummage@yaho.com.

• **Hastings Lake Forest Preserve Planning Open House.** 5-7 p.m., Monday, June 16.

Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Road. For more information, call 847-968-3270 or visit www.lcfpd.org/hastingslake to view proposed plan.

• **Friends of Lake Villa District Library meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 19. Lake Villa District Library, Meeting Room A, 1001 E. Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-356-7711.

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Road. Call 847-356-6181 to learn more.

• **La Leche League of Central Lake County meeting.** 10 a.m., third Wednesdays. Lake Villa United Methodist Church on Sherwood. No fee or registration required to attend. La Leche League is dedicated to support for women who choose breastfeeding. Children of all ages are welcome. Call any of these group leaders: Karen 847-918-1257, Valerie 847-838-0581 or Chris 847-367-2536.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Debbie at 847-687-5531 for details.

• **Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Tuesdays. Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Avenue.

LIBERTYVILLE

• **Lions Club Free Hearing Screening.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 13-14. 118 W. Cook St. (bus will be on north side of Cook Library). For more information, call Geary Hedrick at 847-336-8747.

• **Free Garden Walk.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 21. The walk will include three gardens in Libertyville and two in Mundelein. Pick up maps and directions at Cook Memorial Library, 413 N. Milwaukee Ave., or Fremont Public Library, 1170 N. Midlothian Road. For more information, call Susan at 847-816-8007.

• **Widowed Outreach Network of Lake County meeting.** 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 22. Condell's Allen Conference Center, 700 Garfield. Olde Time Radio Players will put on two programs, "Geo Burns & Grace Allen" and "Mother & Son." For more information, call 847-990-5275 or 847-367-0087.

• **"A Way Out" meeting.** 7 p.m., Fridays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. An Alcoholics Anonymous group for gays, lesbians and straights. Call or e-mail Linda West at 847-735-1230 or Lwest1@yahoo.com for details.

• **Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meeting.** 7 p.m., Mondays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Call 847-362-2110 or visit www.acoa-libertyville.org for details.

• **Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group support meeting.** 7-9 p.m., third Mondays. Grace Lutheran Church, 502 Valley Park Drive. Call Marlene at 847-367-1679 or Jan at 847-395-5502 for more information.

• **Looking Up meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Condell's Day Center, 700 Garfield Ave. A bereavement support group meets in Libertyville. Call 847-816-8848 for details.

LINDENHURST

• **Lindenhurst Planning Commission meeting.** 7 p.m.,

first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall Board Room, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road. Call 847-356-8252 to learn more.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. The Village at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. Call 847-356-5900 to learn more.

• **Alzheimer's support group meeting.** 4 p.m., third Wednesdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, 1055 E. Grand Ave. Call 847-356-5900 to learn more.

• **Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes, 2031 E. Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-356-5700.

McHENRY

• **Tourette Syndrome Assn. of Illinois support group meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Elm Street Place Office Complex, lower level meeting room, 5400 W. Elm St. For additional information, call 815-675-0436.

MUNDELEIN

• **GLMV Health & Wellness Fair.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, June 12. Westfield Hawthorn Mall, Route 60 and Milwaukee Avenue. Free screening, information, raffles, giveaways and demonstrations. For more information, call 847-680-0750 or visit www.glmvchamber.org.

• **Free Garden Walk.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 21. The walk will include three gardens in Libertyville and two in Mundelein. Pick up maps and directions at Cook Memorial Library, 413 N. Milwaukee Ave., or Fremont Public Library, 1170 N. Midlothian Road. For more information, call Susan at 847-816-8007.

• **Sitzmark Ski Club meeting.** 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. El Barrio Restaurant, 1122 Diamond Lake Road. Year-round activities. Call Kevin at 847-548-2991 or visit www.sitzmarks-kiclub.com to learn more.

• **Sierra Club of Lake County meeting.** 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Fremont Township Office, 22376 W. Erhart Road. For more information, call Evan Craig at 847-680-

6437.

• **Wood Carving Club meeting.** 2-5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

OLD MILL CREEK

• **Martin's General Store Museum.** 12:30-4 p.m., Sundays. Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Road. Operated by the Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc. For more information, call Jennifer Andrew at 847-845-8683.

• **Lake County Doll Collectors meeting.** 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Routes 45 and Grass Lake Road. Call 847-623-2072 for details.

ROUND LAKE

• **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Road. Call 847-360-0770 for more information.

VERNON HILLS

• **Lake County Toastmasters meeting.** Noon-1 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Toastmasters develop communication and leadership skills. Contact Al Scaletta at 847-968-5840 (TDS Metrocom) for details.

WAUKEGAN

• **5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration and Conference.** 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 21. College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus, 111 N. Genesee St. Workshops open to the public. Free outdoor activities for the whole family. For more information, call 847-543-2191.

• **Christian Singles Trip to the Kenosha Civil War Museum.** Meet at 10 a.m. to car-pool, Saturday, June 21, at Wesley Church, 3601 N. Lewis Ave. For more information, call 847-244-1632 or 847-623-6647.

• **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group meeting.** 6:30 p.m., second Thursdays. Lake County Health Department, 3012 Grand Ave., Waukegan. Call LCHD at 847-377-8180 for details.

• **Lake County Board of Health meeting.** 6 p.m.,

Wednesdays. Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, Conference Room 112, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh.

• **Lake County TB Board meeting.** Wednesdays, immediately following the Board of Health meeting. Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, Conference Room 111, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh.

• **Coalition to Reduce Recidivism meeting.** 8:30-10:30 a.m., third Mondays. College of Lake County Lake Shore Campus, 111 N. Genesee St. The group's mission is to assist ex-offenders in becoming productive members of the community. For more information, call Alyssa Koepsel at 847-244-4900.

• **Lake County Chapter AARP 150 meeting.** 1 p.m., third Wednesdays. Park Place Senior Center, 414 S. Lewis Ave. Refreshments, door prizes and fellowship. Guests are welcome.

• **C.O.O.L. Food Pantry East.** Mondays, 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; fourth Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 123 W. Water St. Open to any Lake County resident with ID. For more information, call 847-662-1230.

ZION

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 9-11 a.m., second Saturdays. Memorial United Methodist Church, 2935 Sheridan Road. Call 847-872-6062 for details.

BURLINGTON, Wis.

• **Burlington Genealogical Society meeting.** 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Burlington Public Library, Pine and Jefferson St. Call Marion at 414-763-6981 or Merilyn at 414-728-2225 to learn more.

• *To submit an item, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone 847-223-8161 or fax 847-223-8810 at least 14 days before the event. To see an expanded calendar of events, check out LakeCountyJournals.com under MyHometown.*

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Shedding the stereotypes

YouthBuild Lake County graduates ready for the future

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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NORTH CHICAGO — Today's teens and young adults often are described as lazy, selfish and unmotivated.

But 33 teens and young adults recently proved those stereotypes wrong as they walked across the stage and received their diplomas from YouthBuild Lake County, a nonprofit education and job-training agency for local low-income youths.

Marcus Macias, 19, of Grayslake, was one of those students who received his GED from YouthBuild at the agency's graduation ceremony June 4 in North Chicago.

"I made a lot of past mistakes that landed me in jail," Macias said.

But when he found out his girlfriend, Xia Ivory, was pregnant, he realized he needed to make something happen.

"I made the decision to change my life around for me and my son, [Marcus II]," Macias said.

That's where YouthBuild came in. Macias's mother met with YouthBuild Program Manager Abu Bakr, who told her about the program. Macias enrolled soon after and began the journey of getting back on track.

"I gave up on myself," Macias said of his past, which involved gangs and alcohol. "[But I succeeded] with a lot of support from Bakr."

Helping students like Macias succeed is why YouthBuild Executive Director Laurel Tustison joined the agency.

"We serve young people that would otherwise be on the streets, in jail or dead," she said. "We give them hope for the future."

Lindsay Wilcox, 26, knows all about having hope now that she graduated from YouthBuild.

The Waukegan resident said the agency helped her get back on her feet after being incarcerated for six months and participating in a work-release program for six months.

"It made me realize that I do have a goal in life," she said.

One of those goals is to support her 7-year-old son, Julian.

"[I want him to know] he has a mother that has a [focus] and is planning a fu-



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Ranesha Muhammad Friar of Waukegan looks at her diploma after graduating from YouthBuild during YouthBuild's graduation ceremony. The ceremony took place June 4 at North Chicago Veteran's Administration Medical Center in North Chicago.

ture for us now," she said.

Wilcox graduated from YouthBuild's Carpentry Program and was the only girl in the class.

"It was awesome," she said of the program. "I never thought I would wear a hard hat and be wearing a tool belt."

Wilcox is doing an internship with Lake County Housing Authority and is working on apartments for senior citizens in Round Lake Beach, Antioch and Wauconda.

With diplomas in their hands and bags filled with supplies from Grainger, a distributor of facilities maintenance supplies, the YouthBuild graduates seemed poised to accomplish their dreams.

Eric Gallegos, 21, is a 2007 YouthBuild graduate who has seen his hard work pay off. Since February, Gallegos, of Beach Park, has worked as a customer service associate with Grainger at the company's new branch in Mundelein.

Through YouthBuild,

Gallegos received his GED and also completed the agency's HVAC Program.

Before the June 4 ceremony, Gallegos talked with the graduates.

"I was like them," he said. "I talked to them about how YouthBuild was good to me, so just keep doing what you're doing."

Grainger has supported YouthBuild by contributing about \$15,000 in cash and product donations to the program since it began its partnership with YouthBuild in 2006.

The local Grainger team also offers job shadowing opportunities and mock interviews for students.

Cynthia Medina, service center manager for Grainger, said the company is happy to be a part of Lake County and help the students at YouthBuild.

"We are proud to support YouthBuild and will continue to look for opportunities to partner with them," she said. "[These students] now are committed not just to work, but a career."

Route 173 renamed

Roadway to be 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

ANTIOCH — In tribute to one of the United States' finest military service groups, Illinois Route 173 will be renamed the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway.

The Senate unanimously voted to approve the move under House Joint Resolution 107, a resolution sponsored by Senator Pamela Althoff, R-Crystal Lake, and Senator Michael Bond, D-Grayslake.

Known as the Sky Soldiers, the 173rd Airborne Brigade first went in to service in 1917. The brigade has served in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The unit is the only one to perform combat parachute assaults into enemy territory in both Vietnam and Iraq.

"The dedicated veterans of the 173rd Airborne had approached many people about changing the name of the highway," Althoff said in a release. "I am just happy that I was able to lend a helping hand and we were able to get this done together. The 173rd Airborne has long serviced this country and it is appropriate we honor these men and women in this highly visible manner."

Illinois Route 173 stretches from Lake Michigan to Rockford. Communities along the highway include: Zion, Antioch, Hebron, Harvard, and Machesney Park.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to honor the 173rd Airborne Brigade," Bond said in the same release. "Illinois Route 173 is a major roadway in my district. It is an ideal

platform on which to make known the sacrifices made by the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd, who have served our country bravely from the Battle of the Bulge to the battle for Baghdad."

On Aug. 23, the men and women of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association will hold a ride along the newly named route.

The motorcade will start in Zion at 8:30 a.m. and make its way to the end of highway near Rockford. Stops are planned along the highway to thank all of those who worked to get HJR 107 passed by the Illinois General Assembly.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will place signs along the highway reflecting the new name of the route.

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Mark your calendar

ANTIOCH — St. Peter's rummage sale is back. Claudette Skvarce has taken the helm again this year. The rummage sale will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27, and it will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30. The sale is at St. Peter's Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch.

Those who would like to donate items can do so from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, June 8 to June 23. Pickups can be scheduled for larger items by calling 847-395-6744 or 847-395-0274.

Great America tickets available

ANTIOCH — Residents can buy tickets to Six Flags Great America at the Parks and Recreation Office, 806 Holbek Drive. The parks office will sell one-day admission tickets at \$34.50 for adults, a \$22.14 savings. Tickets for children 3 years old to 48 inches, are available at \$29.50, a savings of \$1.39.

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A class for children ages 7-12 is from 9:30 a.m. to noon. A class for teenagers (ages 13-18) will be from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. All students must dress properly.

The instructor is a certified etiquette consultant from the Protocol School of Washington. Registration and the fee of \$25 for each student must be made by June 13.

Registration for each class is limited.

For registration information, contact Elizabeth Peterson at 847-265-0825 or St. Raphael's parish office at 847-395-3474.

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Henry Bruno 'Hank' Bak, 70, Chicago
Shirley C. Butler, 78, Burlington, Wis.
Jerry De Nicolo, 65, of Grayslake

Nicholas R. 'Nick' De Witt, 66, Lake Villa
Victoria C. 'Vickie' Gratz, 43, Gurnee
Russell H. Nelsen, 93, Libertyville

Geraldine L. Nowak, 77, Grayslake
Helen Ruth Olson, 87, Vernon Hills

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Jana Thompson

School's out, but don't forget teachers

I'm not what you'd call an instructor. I don't even like to show people how to work their computer, let alone summon the supernatural patience I've seen in the teachers I know.

I am the daughter of a teacher, the niece of several teachers and the friend of many more teachers, whose herculean efforts have made a difference in more than a few lives.

These are the people who can make a tiny seed grow in a cup of dirt to teach children how all living things deserve care and respect.

These are the people who know that some children are troubled in their home lives; teachers forgive the bullies and gossips and weaklings in their charge.

These are people who break up fights between teenage boys who outweigh them and tend to broken noses and trampled self-esteem - without losing their cool.

These are the people who know how to make a chorus of little voices silent and attentive with just a whisper.

These are the people who take on the enormous responsibility of accompanying high-schoolers to other countries to learn about the world.

These are the people who offer their services long before 8 a.m. and long past 3 p.m. to keep kids out of trouble.

These are the people who spend evening and summer hours devising ways to make learning come naturally. (They usually have second jobs, too.)

These are the people who buy supplies and teaching aids with their own money to make their classrooms more useful.

These are the people who can sense when a child is falling behind and try to make that child's world right.

Folks, these are people who will read to a 6-year-old when his own parents won't.

These aren't rhetorical, over-dramatized examples. These are real stories.

I have been a student in the classrooms of many fabulous teachers who have done things that, frankly, they deserved a bonus for. Who else would do it, but a great teacher?

My third-grade teacher, the very funny Mrs. Elstrom, spent a good 15 minutes safety-pinning my pants back together after I split them right down the rear end, while I stood there in my underwear.

My fifth-grade teacher, Mr. Davis, organized an after-school basketball league. I never scored a single point, but he never let me sit on the bench when I wanted to play. He even bought me a trophy when I won the spelling bee. He played Bill Cosby LPs for us on rainy days, inspiring my comic sensibilities.

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Richard Kimbrough gets off a Pace bus June 5 at a stop near his home in Zion.

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Getting around

Center advocates for better transportation

This is the final article in a three-part series about the Lake County Center for Independent Living, 377 N. Seymour Ave., Mundelein.

Part 1: Learn about the services offered by the Lake County Center for Independent Living.

Part 2: Discover how the center helps people suffering from traumatic brain injury.

Part 3: Read about how the center is working to improve public-transportation options for disabled people in Lake County.

By KATHY GRESEY
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Public-transportation options in Lake County might not be perfect. But at least one organization is working to improve the choices that disabled residents have when they travel.

The Lake County Center for Independent Living in Mundelein has been working with area officials to increase transportation options so that disabled people can lead more productive lives.



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Richard Kimbrough wheels up the bus ramp at a bus stop near his home in Zion.

Disabled people who are unable to drive often depend on public transportation to get to work, school or a doctor's office, said Kelli Brooks, executive director at the center.

Brooks said many people would benefit if local public-transportation providers - including PACE and township offices - expanded

their hours and routes. "As this county has grown and developed, transportation has not kept up," she said. "There are huge gaps where there is nothing for seniors and people with disabilities. It's shocking."

The Lake County Center for Independent Living advocates for better public transportation be-

cause it is an organization that strives to improve the lives of those who are disabled. In addition, it teaches people how they can ask government officials for new community-based services and infrastructure repairs that are related to travel.

Brooks led a campaign about four years ago that helped bring additional public transportation to disabled people and seniors living in Lake Villa, Grant and Antioch townships.

Now a dial-a-ride bus that is shared by those townships operates in northwestern Lake County.

"That was directly facilitated by the center," Brooks said. "Things happen once you start advocating and developing relationships with people."

And Brooks has extended her commitment to improving travel options by becoming a member of the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee, which discusses ways to enhance public transportation.

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INSIDE LAKE COUNTY



John S. Matijevich

>> SeeingItThrough

John was intrigued to read a report lately about an address given by Adlai E. Stevenson III at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

The major topic of his talk was what was wrong with politics today, and he was firm that it was lobbyists.

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This week's question

How are you dealing with these high gas prices.

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County queen pageant nears

The Lake County Fair is fast approaching and that means it is also time for the Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant.

Applications are still being accepted.

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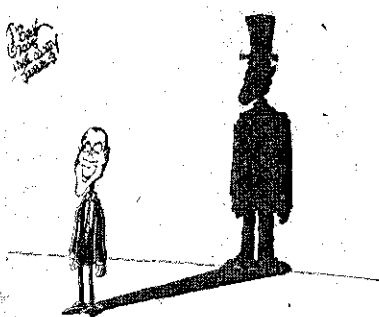
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We want to hear from you

Send letters to the editor to Joe Grace at jgrace@nwnewsgroup.com.

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A fantastic culinary treat

By TOM WITOM

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"Italian: Slow and Savory" (from Chronicle Books) isn't a newcomer to my cookbook shelf.

But this volume by Joyce Goldstein, which dwells on the kind of slow-cooking that many might feel runs contrary to the times, is one we happily return to time and again.

Those who stick to the fast-food lane don't know what they're missing.

While Goldstein presents easy-to-prepare dishes, from braised pork ribs to sausages smothered in tomatoes and red wine, her recipes reward home

cooks with an abundance of pleasure - something that can be shared with family and friends.

A good example is Sweet-and-Sour Braised Rabbit.

This Sicilian dish also works with chicken but rabbit, an under-utilized meat in this country, is absolutely the perfect choice. We found ours in the butcher department at an Italian market, also a source of pine nuts. For sage, it was just a matter of stepping into the back yard herb garden.

You can read the rest of Tom Witom's "Cooking by the Book" blog on our Web site at LakeCountyJournals.com.

>> CLCNews

Alive at 25 defensive driving programs offered

Driving or riding in a motor vehicle is the most dangerous activity that teenagers do.

According to the National Safety Council, vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for people between the ages of 16 to 24. Although this age group represents 14 percent of all drivers, they are involved in 28 percent of all collisions. Vehicle accidents account for 36 percent of all deaths in this age group.

To address this concern and help save lives, Judicial Services at the College of Lake County offers two National Safety Council Alive at 25 Defensive Driving courses. One is for young adults and one is for the parents of teen drivers.

"These award-winning programs focus on the issues that put teen drivers in jeopardy while offering suggestions for becoming safe and responsible drivers," said Peggy Miller, director of Judicial Services at CLC. Both courses are offered at all three College of Lake County campuses on Saturdays this summer.

The Alive at 25 parent program helps parents prepare their teen for taking the wheel through a clear understanding of the risks they face. The three-hour program offers solutions to help teens become defensive drivers.

The course identifies driving risks while reinforcing basic driving skills and good decision-making through dialog between parents and their teens.

The four-hour Alive at 25 teen program, designed for young adults age 16 to 20, focuses on life-saving defensive driving skills.

The highly interactive program uses media segments, group discussions and role playing to help participants learn strategies to keep them safe on the road. Ninety-three percent of attendees say they will change their driving behavior after taking the voluntary Alive at 25 program.

For more information, call 847-543-2185, visit wpdi.clcillinois.edu or e-mail judicialservices@clcillinois.edu.

Summer Lunch and Learn workshops to take place

Negotiating, customer service and making effective small talk are the topics for three Lunch and Learn programs being offered by the Client Solutions department of the College of Lake County Workforce and Professional Development Institute. This highly successful program features a professional facilitator delivering one hour of training in some of the most requested professional training topics.

Three summer programs will be held: "Negotiation Skills –

Getting What You Need Without Alienating Others" on Friday, June 20, at the CLC Southlake Campus in Vernon Hills; "STAR Customer Service – Keep Your Customers Coming Back" on Wednesday, July 23, at the Grayslake Campus; and "Making Small Talk – Getting Past Hello" on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Southlake.

Lunch and Learn sessions are held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a participant guide, lunch and beverage. To register, call 847-543-2615 or visit wpdi.clcillinois.edu. WPDI is now offering Lunch and Learn programs at your organization's site. Call 847-543-2615 for more information on the on-site Lunch and Learn program.

Annual Juneteenth celebration/conference

The 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration and Conference, to be held from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on June 21 at the College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus, will focus on the state of the African American family and the effect of violence and incarceration on the community and family.

A variety of educational activities are planned at this free event, which includes a keynote address by Congressman Danny K. Davis, U.S. House of Representatives (Ill. District 7) at 10 a.m.

Registration and a continental breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in room N119 at 111 N. Genesee St. Lunch will be provided for those who register between 8:30 and 10 a.m. A traditional African opening ceremony and a general session will begin at 9 a.m. in the Lakeshore Campus courtyard at Genesee and Madison streets.

The community is invited to attend a variety of free workshops. Topics include "Spirituality: What's Your Connection?" at 9 a.m.; "The Impact of Incarceration on Family and Community" at 11 a.m.; and "The Impact of Violence," "Strengthening Marriages and Family," "Economic and Financial Empowerment" "The Role of the African American Male: The Power of His Presence," and "Hip Hop Generation: Culture and Leadership" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All activities are free and open to the public.

Juneteenth represents the joy of freedom and is the oldest known celebration that commemorates the ending of slavery.

"This year, we want to give more focus to the educational aspects of Juneteenth by offering a free conference," said CLC Lakeshore Dean Eleanor Murkey. "These topics are of vital importance to our community with the upswing of violence in the past year."

Free outdoor activities in the Lakeshore Campus courtyard area include a mini health fair, fun kids' activities, an African art exhibit, historical displays about Juneteenth and Lake County's role in the Underground Railroad, a vendor fair and food.

This program is sponsored in part by the College of Lake County, the City of Waukegan, Trinity Universal Center, Waukegan Main Street, the Juneteenth Cultural Committee of Lake County, the Office of the State Representative Eddie Washington (District 60), the City of North Chicago, the Black Chamber of Commerce, Waukegan Township and the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County. For more information, call the CLC Lakeshore Campus at 847-543-2191.

Professor gets fellowship to travel to India

Wendy Brown, a College of Lake County professor of anthropology and sociology, has received a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship to study in India from June 28 to Aug. 5. Her study and research will focus on peace studies, nonviolence and global sustainability.

Brown was one of only 14 Illinois post-secondary educators selected to take part in the \$68,000 fellowship grant, which is being coordinated by Oakton Community College.

UW invites residents to 'live united'

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

United Way of Lake County is inviting residents to "live united" by participating in National Day of Action activities on Saturday, June 21. Residents will have three ways to support the building blocks for a good life:

• Give: Go online to purchase back-to-school supplies for elementary school students of low income families in Lake County communities.

• Advocate: Pass the link to www.FindHelpLakeCounty.org, an online database of local services. Send it to friends, neighbors and co-workers.

• Volunteer: Sign up for a one-day volunteer project to help Waukegan's Glenwood Elementary School undergo an extreme makeover or visit seniors at Libertyville's Winchester House.

"I think everyone wants to be part of something bigger than themselves," said United Way of Lake County President and CEO Kristi Long in a release. "Becoming active in your community and lending a hand to help others is the best way to get connected and live united."

The Glenwood Elementary School project has morning and afternoon shifts available to volunteers to transform the school and ready the facility for the children in the fall.

The Winchester House is a volunteer opportunity best suited for families with children to participate in games with the seniors.

"Living united means being the change for a better community," Long said.

"And working together, we can reach out a hand to one and improve the condition for all in Lake County."

All are welcome – individuals, families, church and civic groups. To register for a volunteer project, purchase back-to-school supplies kit or for more information, visit www.liveunitedlakecounty.org or call 847-775-1043.

Officials: We want to ease commuting for those with disabilities

• CENTER

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The committee is comprised of representatives from government agencies, nonprofit organizations and transportation providers. It has discussed how transit groups might work together to provide bus service that would get a person from point A to point B – regardless of municipal or other boundaries.

It also is working with officials to determine how some of the money from a 0.25-percent sales-tax increase

could increase and improve transit options. Some of the money could be used to match grants that fund new transportation-related programs or help disabled people get to work, Brooks said.

"We're talking to the county, and we're putting together a plan," she said. "There has to be sustainability, so you have to take it slow."

Officials have indicated that they want to ease commuting issues faced by those with disabilities.

Grant Township Supervisor Kay Starostovic said Brooks provided valuable input to the Lake County

Coordinated Transportation Services Committee. Starostovic is president of the group.

"Kelli has been outstanding," Starostovic said. "All of this has been a new experience for Lake County."

State Rep. Kathy Ryg, D-Vernon Hills, also noted that disabled people would benefit from improved transportation options. She said teamwork was needed to make positive changes happen.

"We know we can do a better job through coordination and cooperation," she said. "I think we're really well lined up to do that right now."

Though transit progress might be slow, center consumers appreciate what the organization is doing to improve their lives.

Zion resident Richard Kimbrough said he was able to get curb cuts in his neighborhood after asking the group for assistance.

Kimbrough uses a wheelchair and often travels by bus. The curb cuts have allowed him to safely travel from sidewalk to sidewalk, he said.

"The center teaches you how to right wrongs," he said. "Instead of being a victim, you're not a victim. But there's still a long way to go."

Poetry led to me writing

• TEACHERS

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In high school, Mrs. Morrison published my poem in her book about writing poetry. Forever after, I wanted to write what was on my mind.

That doesn't even begin to tell the story of how a sad, timid kid from a broken home became a happy, successful adult. And yes, I pay high, horrendously high property taxes in the county I live in, despite the fact that I have no children. I know that's irritating to some folks. But I believe it's my civic duty to contribute to the people who protect and nurture our society: Firefighters, police officers,

teachers, etc.

I don't resent it. Besides, when I'm old, I want these well-educated kids to put me in the most cushy, high-tech nursing home they have.

My favorite teacher story comes from a friend who works with visually impaired children, many of them autistic or otherwise disabled.

Some of her students were born without eyes and have prosthetics. At least one of her students likes to take his prosthetic eyes out. How many teachers do you know who've ever uttered the phrase, "Hey! Put your eyes back in. (Sigh.) Nevermind, give me your eyes."?

Somebody give that teacher a medal.



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CLC Foundation to host golf outing in Waukegan

The CLC Foundation will host its 2008 Joan Legat Memorial Golf Outing on July 21 at Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund, which helps deserving CLC students reach their educational goals.

The golf outing will begin with registration at 10:30 a.m. and lunch at 11 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., with several contests. At the conclusion of 18 holes of golf and a "scramble" tournament, the event will continue at 5 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and a dinner buffet at 6 p.m. in the newly renovated clubhouse.

Donations are \$350 per person, and proceeds go to the CLC scholarship fund. Tickets to attend the evening reception only are \$50. For information and registration, call 847-543-2400.



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HENRY BRUNO 'HANK' BAK

Born: Sept. 18, 1937
Died: June 5, 2008
Was a U.S. Navy veteran

CHICAGO—Henry Bruno "Hank" Bak, 70, of Chicago, passed away June 5, 2008, at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago.

Surviving are three daughters, Laura (Neil) Morgan of Hawthorn Woods,

Christine (Michael) Phillips of Chicago and Kathleen (Richard) Koslica of Antioch; 10 grandchildren; a sister; and four brothers.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. June 10 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church at Indian Creek. Visitation was from 4 to 9 p.m. June 9 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial gifts to the Make-A-Wish Foundation would be appreciated.

Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

SHIRLEY C. BUTLER

Born: March 15, 1930
Died: June 4, 2008
Was a village clerk of Hainesville

BURLINGTON, Wis.—Shirley C. Butler, 78, of Burlington, Wis., and formerly of Grayslake, died June 4, 2008, at Mount Carmel Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Burlington, Wis.

She was born to the late Howard and Ethyl Caldwell.

Shirley worked as a bookkeeper at Great Lakes Naval Base, Grayslake Savings and Loan, Grayslake Grade School and Fox Lake Harbor.

She is survived by a son, Kevin (Sue) Butler, of Round Lake Beach; five granddaughters; her cherished nieces and nephews; and her dear sister and best friend.

Friends of the family visited from 1 p.m. June 7 until the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake.

Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

JERRY DE NICOLO

Born: May 5, 1943
Died: June 4, 2008
Deeply touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed

GRAYSLAKE—Jerry DeNicolò, 65, of Grayslake, formerly of Mundelein, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2008, surrounded by his family after a courageous and valiant four-month battle with melanoma.

He was the beloved husband of 31 years of Kathy (Ortinau); devoted father of Erika (Brian) Palmer of Wauconda, Vito DeNicolò of Volo and Kristen DeNicolò (Steven Zarch) of Wilmette, proud grandfather of four; son-in-law of John and Margaret Ortinau; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vito and Anna DeNicolò.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. June 9 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Mundelein with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 2 to 6 p.m. June 8 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jerry's name can be made to the Melanoma Research Fund; Attn: Carl Voelcker, Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

NICHOLAS R. 'NICK' DE WITT

Born: Dec. 10, 1941
Died: June 2, 2008
Was a former North Shore Gas Co. employee

LAKE VILLA—Nicholas R. "Nick" DeWitt, age 66 of Lake Villa passed away on June 2, 2008 at his home.

Nick was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in Germany.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy DeWitt of Lake Villa; a son, Darrick DeWitt (Mary Duck) of Lindenhurst; and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Laurence and Betty DeWitt; and by his sister. Funeral services were held at 11

a.m. June 7 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. June 6. Contributions made to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

VICTORIA C. 'VICKIE' GRATZ

Born: Nov. 29, 1964
Died: June 4, 2008
Won many championships and trophies for racquetball

GURNEE—Victoria C. "Vickie" Gratz, 43, of Gurnee, passed away June 4, 2008, at her home. Vickie enjoyed Emmett Kelly Clowns.

Surviving are her husband, Tim Gratz; and sons, Vincent Allen Gratz and Evan Patrick Gratz, all of Gurnee; her mother, Elsie Sehl and father, Charles Sehl; three brothers; Tim's parents, Ronald "Butch" and Beverley Gratz of Ivanhoe; her brother-in-law, and many loving nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., in Libertyville. Interment will follow in Lakeside Cemetery.

Visitation was from 3 to 8 p.m. June 11. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the family, as an education fund is being established for her children.

Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

RUSSELL H. NELSEN

Born: Jan. 11, 1915
Died: May 31, 2008
Was a former treasurer for the Lakeside Cemetery Board

LIBERTYVILLE—Russell H. Nelsen, 93, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away May 31, 2008, at the home of his son in Springfield, Neb.

Russ was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his son, Tom (Karla) Nelsen, of Springfield, Neb.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a

daughter-in-law, Bonnie Nelsen of Adel, Iowa; and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nels and Agnes Nelsen; by his first wife, Florence Nelsen in 1990 and second wife, Gertrude Messenbrink Nelsen in 2007; by a son, James Nelsen, and a sister.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. June 6 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 5, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, IL 60048.

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GERALDINE L. NOWAK

Born: Dec. 31, 1930
Died: June 3, 2008
She retired from Rush Northshore Hospital

GRAYSLAKE—Geraldine L. Nowak, 77, of Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake, died June 3, 2008, at Lexington Healthcare in Wheeling. She was born to the late Walter and Tillie Tragarz.

She is survived by three daughters, Rebecca (Keith) Hancock, Carol Crowley and Marcia Nowak; a son, Gregory (Terri) Nowak; five grandchildren; and by a sister and a brother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester, and her parents.

Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m. June 6 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10 a.m. June 7 at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, in Grayslake. Burial was private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

HELEN RUTH OLSON

Born: Aug. 10, 1920
Died: June 1, 2008
Loved her family

VERNON HILLS—Helen Ruth Olson, 87, of Vernon Hills, passed

away June 1, 2008, at Libertyville Manor.

Surviving are her loving children, Harry W. Olson, of Oconomowoc, Wis., Philip H. Olson, of Hoffman Estates, James D. Olson, of Lake Wales, Wis., Steven C. (Vicky) Olson of Elmhurst and Marilyn (Dan) MacKinney of Libertyville; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry William Olson Sr., in 1984.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. June 5 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. June 4. Contributions made to Compassionate International would be appreciated. Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ELSIE M. SEHL

Born: Oct. 7, 1942
Died: June 7, 2008
Enjoyed playing golf

WILDWOOD—Elsie M. Sehl, 65, of Wildwood, passed away June 7, 2008, at Lake Forest Hospital.

Surviving are three sons, Lou (Pat) Sehl of Redwood City, Calif., Gordon (Beth) Sehl of Wadsworth and Stuart (Kari) Sehl of Beach Park; six grandchildren; three brothers; her former husband, Charles Sehl, of Albany, Ga.; and son-in-law, Tim Grata of Gurnee. She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Viola Burkemper and a daughter, Vickie Gratz on June 4, 2008.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville. She shared a visitation with her daughter, Vickie, from 3 to 8 p.m. June 11.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the family for an education fund being established for her daughter's children.

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SHEILA L. SIMS

Born: Jan. 9, 1938
Died: June 7, 2008
Was a devoted housewife and mother

GRAYSLAKE—Sheila L. Sims, 70,

of Grayslake, passed away June 7, 2008, at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Surviving are her loving husband, Ernest A. Sims; two children, Michael J. (Amy) Sims of Zeeland, Mich., and Sharon M. (Peter) Schmeda of Lake Villa; four grandchildren; two brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. June 11 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Mundelein. Visitation was from 4 to 9 p.m. June 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the guest book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

JAMES B. ZARICOR

Born: Jan. 20, 1928
Died: June 8, 2008
Enjoyed hunting, fishing, bird-watching and gardening

GRAYSLAKE—James B. Zaricor, 80, of Grayslake and formerly of Libertyville, passed away June 8, 2008, at the Condell Medical Center. He was a former deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Ruth Zaricor; four sons, James (Julie) Zaricor of Tucson, Ariz., Geoffrey (Dorion) Zaricor of Gurnee, Paul Zaricor of Libertyville and Jay Zaricor of Ingleside; five grandchildren; his sister and brother, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 13, in the chapel at the First Presbyterian Church, Maple and Douglas avenues in Libertyville. Interment will be in the Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove, Wis. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176), in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, contributions made to the Audubon Society would be appreciated.

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Seniors warned about IRS economic scam

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Illinois Department on Aging Director Charles D. Johnson is warning seniors about attempts to confuse and con elderly residents who are still waiting economic stimulus checks.

The scam is to get people to reveal personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which the scammers can use to steal and cash checks.

The department is acting to alert seniors after learning that the FBI is alerting consumers of bogus phone calls and a spam e-mail claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service regarding economic stimulus checks.

"It's horrible that there are people preying on older citizens by stealing their

information in order to steal their money," Johnson said in a news release. "You do not have to respond to a phone call nor e-mail in order to receive your economic stimulus check. To find out when your check will arrive, contact the IRS."

The e-mail contains information relative to direct deposit of the stimulus checks and also contains a fraudulent hyperlink to a form that requests personal bank account information.

The bogus e-mail claims that consumers' stimulus checks will be delayed if they fail to complete the form in a timely manner.

Examples of the IRS spam e-mails include the following: "Our records indicate that you are qualified to receive the 2008 Economic Stimulus Refund" and "To

access Economic Stimulus refund, please click here."

These e-mails are not from the IRS. The IRS has a clear policy that they do not initiate communications with taxpayers via e-mail. Filing a tax return is the only way to apply for a tax refund and there is no separate application form. Taxpayers who wish to find out if they are due a refund from their last annual tax return filing may use the "Where's My Refund?" interactive application at the only official IRS Web site, which is located at www.irs.gov.

For information about program services to assist older adults in Illinois and their caregivers, call the Department on Aging Senior Helpline at 800-252-8966 or for TTY (hearing impaired use only) call 888-206-1327.

>> InBrief**Teachers can get ahead**

Kindergarten through 12th-grade educators can earn Continuing Professional Development Units toward recertification while learning new classroom techniques through 23 teacher workshops offered by the Continuing Professional Development Department at the College of Lake County. In the workshops that begin June 16, teachers can earn from four to 48 CPDUs, depending on the workshop.

To learn more, call 847-543-2615 or visit wpd.cclcollinois.edu.

Music incentives at blood drive June 17

Give blood and get hot music in return at the College of Lake County Health Center blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, in the Anderson Court of Building A, Grayslake Campus. Donors will receive a free VIP back stage pass to the Vans Warped Tour '08 concert Aug. 2 at the First Midwest Bank Amphitheater in Tinley Park (concert tickets must be purchased separately). Donors also will receive a music download card with 18 songs from bands.



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County queen pageant nears

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County Fair info

GRAYSLAKE – The Lake County Fair is fast approaching and that means it is also time for the Miss Lake County Fair Queen Pageant.

Applications are being accepted for three divisions: Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Lake County Fair Queen.

The first 100 eligible applicants in the "Miss" category (ages 16-21) will compete alongside the Lake County Community queens who already have won their titles in the same age group. The same applies to the first 50 applications received in the "Junior Miss" (11-13) and "Little Miss" (6-8) categories.

Competitions for Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Lake County Fair Queen will be during fair week, July 22 to 27, at the Lake County Fairgrounds, at Routes 120 and Route 45 in Grayslake.

The winner of each category will receive a prize package, as well as be required to appear during the 2008 Lake County Fair events. The Miss

For information on the pageant and all the other exciting activities happening at this year's Lake County Fair, please call 847-223-2204 or visit www.LCFair.net.

Lake County Fair Queen will also have an all-expense paid trip to Springfield to represent Lake County at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen pageant in January 2009. The "Miss" category winner also includes a \$2,000 scholarship award from the Lake County Fair Association. The "Junior Miss" winner will receive \$500 cash, and the "Little Miss" winner will receive \$350 cash.

Rules, requirements and applications can be found online at www.LCFair.net under the "Queen Pageant" tab. Applications also can be picked up at the county fair offices during business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday). Applications must include a headshot and a \$25 entrance fee and be submitted by 8 p.m. June 24.

Event helps fight sex abuse

Women's luncheon benefits work of Zacharias Center

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

GURNEE – The Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center is making final preparations for its sixth "Women Helping Women" luncheon fundraiser on June 20 at 4275 Old Grand Avenue in Gurnee.

The organization is celebrating its 25th anniversary year and has undergone a name change from LaCASA to Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center.

Tickets and group seating are still available for this event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will commemorate the organization's 25th anniversary of service to the community by providing tours of the facility provided by staff, a

silent auction/raffle, live music provided by the woman's drumming group, Diamana Diya, a gourmet box lunch, and a program.

Underwritten by Wolters Kluwer US, this year's "Women Helping Women" event will feature:

- Teresa Bartels, CEO of United Way International, a longtime supporter who served as the organization's first board president;

- Event emcee Anita Padilla, reporter for WFLD FOX-32 Chicago; and

- Robin Stone, an independent journalist whose work focuses primarily on health, children, families, and parenting.

"Our Women Helping Women lunch-

eon keeps getting bigger and more impactful every year and, with Wolters Kluwer's help, we plan to make this the most memorable one yet," said Torrie Flink, executive director of Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center, in a release.

For details or to purchase tickets for yourself or your company or group, visit www.zachariascenter.org or call Linda West, special events coordinator at 847-244-1187, Ext. 21.

Online registrants and donors will be automatically entered into a drawing for the chance to win two free seats at the event. If you register and then win, you will be refunded \$200. Winners will be picked the week of June 16.

Health agency scores high on emergency preparedness

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center has received a score of 95 out of 100 on its Technical Assistance Review, a requirement of the Centers for Disease Control.

"This achievement belongs not only to the Health Department staff, but to our community partners that work so dili-

gently to ensure the success and continued development of emergency preparedness efforts," said Dale Galassie, department executive director.

The Health Department worked with the County Clerk's office, townships and municipalities to develop a plan to use local polling places as points of distribution should the need for mass medication arise during a public

health emergency.

By using polling sites, the population will be spread out to a large number of locations close to home.

The department's public health emergency response plans are reviewed annually as a requirement of the Cities Readiness Initiative grant. The CRI grant is a federal program to aid agencies and cities in increasing their ca-

capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale health emergency.

The review was completed after a site visit by state and federal officials. It focuses on the health department's ability to deliver the Strategic National Stockpile, which contains medical supplies, antibiotics and vaccines, within 48 hours of a public health emergency.

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>> SeeingItThrough



John S. Matijevich

Special interest of deep pockets

I was intrigued to read a report lately about an address given by Adlai E. Stevenson III at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

The major topic of his talk was what was wrong with politics today, and he was firm that it was lobbyists. He tried to place some of the blame on himself when he said that he and other reformers years ago tried to open up government to the people and the lobbyists opened the doors of government much wider to gain the access to influence all levels of government.

I've known Adlai Stevenson III a long time and, as far as I'm concerned, in all of the time that I served in government the two public officials that were on top of my list of those who were as clean and pure as the driven snow were Adlai E. Stevenson III and the late Paul Simon, both former U.S. Senators.

While I agree that lobbyist influence and the campaign fortunes that determine elective candidacies are what's wrong with politics, I can absolve Adlai of any blame of the ruination of politics.

If anything, Adlai was the type of public official most lobbyists avoided.

There are often some types of politicians some lobbyists gravitate toward, and there are some that they like to distance themselves from. By that, I don't mean to say that I'm talking about the many lobbyists who provide necessary information in the legislative process.

But, if every public official were like Stevenson or Simon, we wouldn't have needed ethics reform laws. It was written all over their faces, "walk down a straight and narrow line, or you're out of line."

Adlai commented that when his father ran and became governor of Illinois in 1948, his political campaign amounted to \$135,000.

Sixty years later, every state representative contest costs much more than that and some of the state senate races climb over the million mark. Candidates who seek to run for governor in these times had better figure on having to bankroll a political campaign fund of somewhere between \$10 million to \$20 million.

And there have been some who have spent that much and still it wasn't enough to bring victory.

So, what really is wrong with politics is the obscene cost of financing political campaigns. Because the costs are so high, who do candidates reach out to finance their political campaigns?

You're getting a taste of the dynamics of campaign financing when you read the testimony of the Rezko corruption trial in Chicago. People who rely on government contracts can become "pay to play" parties in the dark side of the government process.

No matter the so-called ethics reforms, I see no improvement in governmental ethics. When you consider the monumental amounts of money that have been spent by all of the presidential aspirants, no matter who wins, there's no way that huge amounts of campaign funds don't translate to buying influence and power.

I wish that I could foresee the tide turning on campaign funding and ethics. But each year things seem to get worse.

Corruption convictions all around the country haven't seemed to lessen the "pay to play politics" that seems to flourish and the public is stuck with the attitude that "it's the way politics is."

It's no wonder that Adlai Stevenson III, when he spoke to the high school students, said that he was disappointed that none of the students expressed an interest in political careers. I agree with him that it is the most important business that there is and a noble calling.

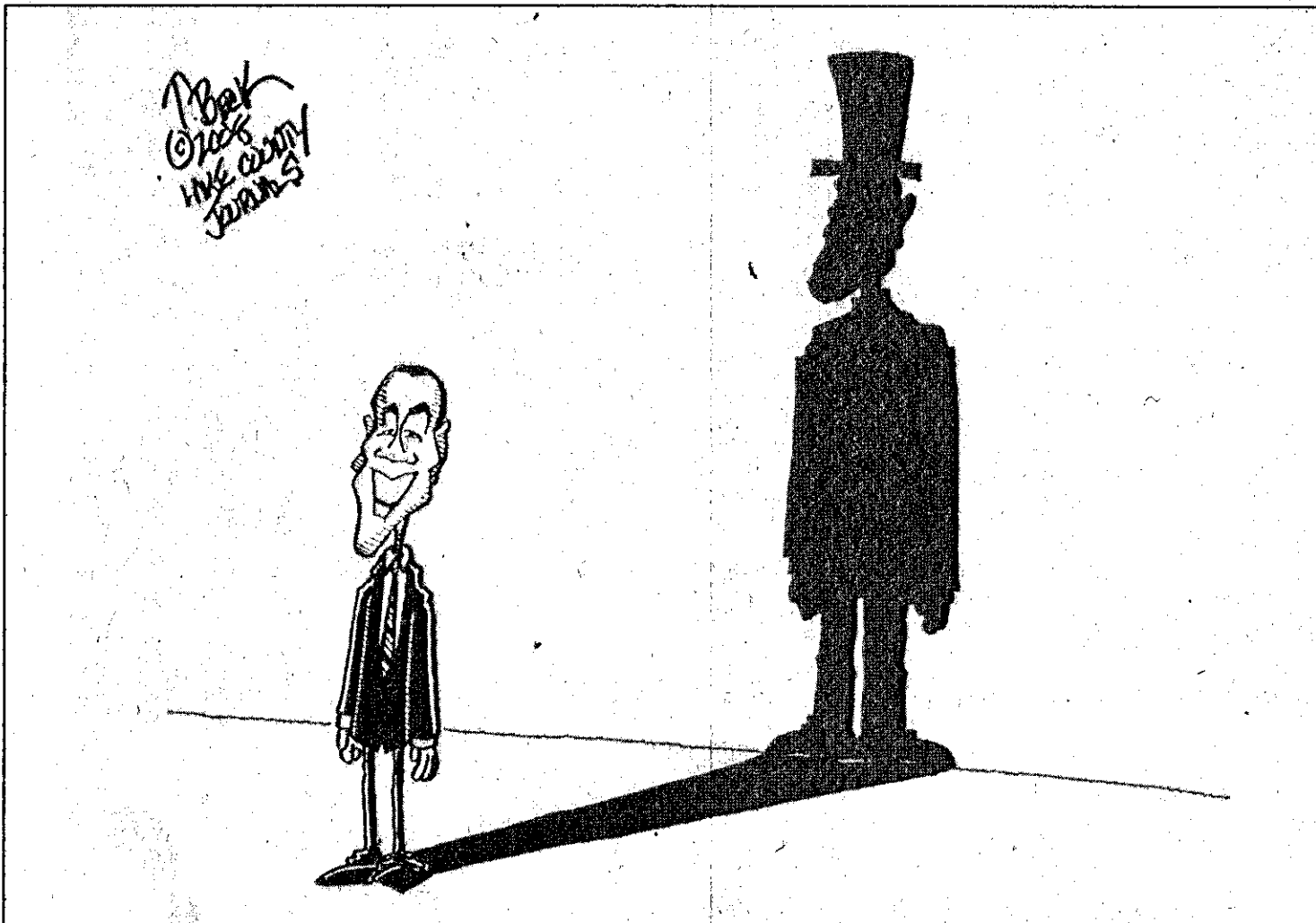
Taxpayers deserve the very best from those who represent them in government.

I hope with more attention on the abuses that do occur, we might find that enough of those who are trusted public servants will work toward weeding out the corruption that undermines the image of the many more elected leaders and career public employees who are upstanding, ethical, and moral persons.

We must strive for the best from all.

Write to Lake County Journals columnist John S. Matijevich at jgrace@nwnewsgroup.com.

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Congress can stop this

To the Editor:

The United States Congress has the power and tools necessary to mitigate and stop Canadian National's acquisition of the EJ&E rail line.

Our country's wise and visionary founders had the foresight to give the federal government and Congress the sole authority to regulate interstate commerce in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

Therefore, there are a number of legislative actions that Congress could take, which would make the purchase too time consuming and too costly for Canadian National to continue pursuing.

First, Congress should direct the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a full investigation of the national security implications of this foreign takeover of an American rail company before the takeover can occur.

Congress would need to study how containers received at foreign ports are tracked and scanned, and what security measures need to be enforced.

Second, Congress should pass legislation to restrict the number of cars and the speed of Canadian National's trains moving through the United States.

Canadian National has stated that they plan to run their trains in excess of 40 miles per hour.

This, in combination with CN's poor safety record, is a real concern for the citizens of our community.

In recent years, there have been numerous derailments, some involving the release of toxic chemicals.

Last, Congress should mandate a specific funding formula for mitigation (grade changes, noise reduction, etc.) on the purchase of U.S. railroads by foreign corporations (85 percent federal; 10 percent state; 5 percent state).

Canadian National has stated numerous times that any mitigation should be primarily funded through state and federal tax dollars.

This is unacceptable. It should be the responsibility of Canadian National to fund the mitigation, which must be fully in place prior to completion of the EJ&E purchase.

The citizens of communities through which the EJ&E travels deserve the right to be represented.

They have invested in homes and businesses based on the fact that the EJ&E was to be primarily a commuter rail line. Canadian National is taking something that was initially de-

signed for one thing and trying to turn it into another at the taxpayers' expense.

The primary responsibility of our government is to protect its citizens.

Every one of the actions outlined here is well within Congress' authority to pass and many are backed by precedent.

All that is lacking is the political will to enact them.

Steve Greenberg

Long Grove
Candidate for U.S. Congress

Thank you for support

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Grayslake for their support during our Memorial Day weekend poppy sale at the Grayslake Jewel, Ace Hardware, and Piggly Wiggly, as well as downtown Grayslake.

Due to your generous donations, the local American Legion Post and VFW Post are able to continue efforts to provide for veterans in the North Chicago VA Hospital, as well as our area's homeless veterans.

William H. Leider

Commander
Grayslake American Legion Post #659

Get rid of subsidies

To the Editor:

As a conservative who voted for Ron Paul in the recent primary, I didn't have much hope the Democrats would do anything I'd like when they took Congress in 2006.

I figured, correctly, they'd be attacked, as Dr. Paul was, as "traitors backstabbing our troops just when they are about to win" and do nothing about Iraq.

But, I thought, surely an urban-based party would have the courage to finally do something about the scam known as ethanol, if for no other reason than to free up money for other spending.

By the time you factor in fuel for planting, harvesting, transporting and then converting corn to ethanol, ethanol does almost nothing to contribute to our overall energy production.

All ethanol does is enrich corporate farmers and ethanol producers like Archer Daniels Midland at taxpayer expense while everyone pays a lot more for food - that is, if they can still afford it.

Every month more people starve thanks to ethanol than all the people who have died since our invasion of Iraq five years ago.

Despite this, 94 percent of the "party of compassion," the party that routinely attacks their opponents as people who

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would starve children, just voted for a farm bill that gives even more subsidies to ethanol.

While 91 Republicans, including "warmonger" Mark Kirk, defied the farm lobby, only 15 Democrats did.

President Bush is absolutely right in threatening to veto this bill.

I can only hope and pray that some how, some way, his veto is sustained.

Nothing - not even stopping the Iraq war - would save more lives and money than getting rid of our criminal subsidies for ethanol.

Grant D. Noble

Lake Forest

Corn getting attention

To the Editor:

Corn is getting a lot of attention these days, especially as it has played a growing role in ethanol production. Some anti-ethanol and anti-agriculture groups want you to believe that the emergence of this new, domestic fuel industry is behind higher food prices.

If that seems hard to swallow, it should.

Record-setting oil prices are the biggest reason for food price increases, along with growing world demand for food, a weak U.S. dollar, and wheat and rice crop failures around the globe.

Meanwhile, U.S. farmers last year grew a record-setting 13.1 billion bushels of corn on 86 million acres.

Of that, 22 percent went to make about 7 billion gallons of ethanol.

That still left enough corn to supply the domestic market, increase exports to record levels, and stockpile a 10 percent surplus.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers recently noted that higher prices for corn accounted for only .25 percent of the current increase in food prices.

So how has food gotten so expensive? Production, packaging and transportation, among other factors. And what is the common denominator? Oil. Oil prices have soared past

\$120 a barrel and some in the investment industry predict oil could rise as high as \$200 within two years.

It's time to quit giving OPEC a free ride on escalating food costs and start showing support for a domestic industry that is creating American jobs, feeding the world, saving you 30 to 40 cents a gallon at the gas pump and leading the way toward greater freedom from oil tyranny.

Paul Taylor

Esmond

Proud of the pool

To the Editor:

The Antioch community should indeed be proud of Antioch's aqua center.

In appreciating its importance to the community, it is important to recognize that the pool was built by the Antioch Lions Club.

Money was raised for its construction through bonds bought by members of our community.

The pool was completed 52 years ago through the initiative of Lions Club members like Bill Brook, Ted Larson and Everett Oftedahl, among many others.

The entire club recognized the need for a pool.

Through their efforts, thousands have enjoyed the pool. Countless numbers have been saved from tragic accidents because they learned to swim from Winnie Sorenson, who taught swimming at the pool for many years.

After operating and maintaining the aqua center for about 15 years, the Lions Club and village agreed that the village should continue maintaining the aqua center, and it was turned over to the village.

The bond holders graciously turned their bonds in to the Lions Club, receiving no payment, and the village received the pool debt free.

As a Lions Club member and Antioch resident for more than 52 years, I am proud of the Antioch Lions Club and its many contributions to Antioch.

Dr. Albert A. Bucar
Antioch

>> SnapShot

This week's question

How are you dealing with these high gas prices?



"I walk to more places that are close by, and I ride my bike instead of driving."

Jordan Lee
Grayslake



"I try to ride my bike, especially around town."

Siobhann Poprawski
Grayslake



"I'm running multiple errands during one trip."

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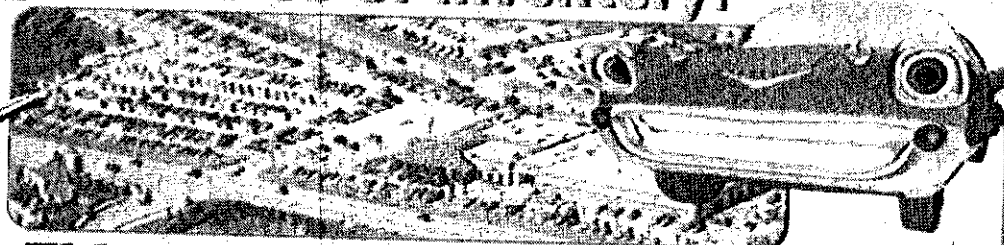
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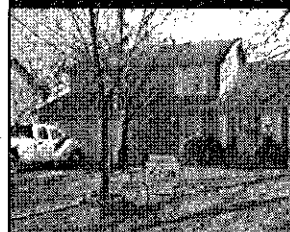


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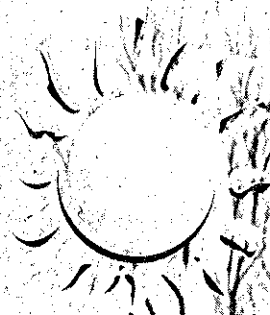
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>> BestBets

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KEEPING RHYTHM: Fandanguero, a Chicago-based band, will perform at noon Friday, June 13, at the Waukegan Public Library.

Details for BestBets events on page 6B

>> MomMatters



Kim Mangia

Nice days often lost in shuffle

Did you ever realize how experiencing unpleasant things in life really makes the nice things seem extra nice? Take, for example, our weather. There is nothing like thunderstorms, tornado watches and garden-battering winds to foster appreciation for a sunny day.

This is a marked contrast from the days when I lived in Arizona. A sunny day there was all too common and, consequently, became a bit of a yawn.

Sometimes, too much of a good thing makes me take it for granted.

That applies to my children's behavior, too.

My two younger children have always been patient and helpful little shoppers, a priceless quality I never really appreciated until last weekend.

It began as a typical grocery-shopping trip, even relaxing, you could say, as I only had one of the four children with me.

Typical and relaxing, until 3 year-old Angelina spiraled into tantrum territory, alternating between attempting to tug my arm off, crying and high-pitched shrieking about the various injustices of her world, including not being allowed to get chicken strips.

Of course the laws of motherhood demand that when a child is having a tantrum, a woman with a perfectly well-behaved child will always be in close proximity, trying not to look at the spectacle and secretly patting herself on the back for not having created such a monster.

Now imagine not only seeing this secretly disapproving mom, but having the comical misfortune to run into her again and again in virtually every grocery store aisle.

And naturally, I ended up right behind her in the checkout line, as well, my daughter still screaming.

After stashing her in her carseat, taking several deep breaths and eating a dark chocolate candy bar, I realized how much I had taken her good grocery shopping behavior for granted.

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Parents of toddlers hope to end the

DIAPER DRAMA!

By JAMI KUNZER
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Ahhh, summer. Time for picnics in the park, swimming pools, backyard cook-outs ... and potty training?

That's what some parents are planning this summer.

Warmer days equal fewer layers of clothing to peel through when the urge to go comes on in a flash.

And if you're dealing with young aspiring nudists like my 2-year-old twin daughters, summer's a great time to finally let them run around like they want to, feeling, uh, "free."

They can wear only Pull-Ups or big-kid panties without pants around the house or outside.

"Yep, naked or near naked definitely works for us," said Linda Heide of Capron, who is training her 2-1/2-year-old daughter this summer.

It's fine to take advantage of the warm weather, experts tell me, but more importantly, make sure your children are ready.

You know that old saying? Something about taking a horse to water. You can't make him drink.

Same goes for toddlers.

"You cannot force them to go to the bathroom," said Dr. Laura Larkner, a pediatrician with Centegra Health Systems.

That's the biggest mistake parents make, she said.

Summer might be easier, but if they're ready, what they're wearing shouldn't be a big issue, she said.

"If you decide, 'Now it's June, we're going to potty train you,' it might not be the right time," she said. "Let the child tell you and let you know if it's time. If you do that, it'll happen very quickly."

Most children train at about age 3 or when they're slightly younger than that, she said. Once a child hits age 4, parents might want to seek help from a physician. Still, the age and readiness signs vary, Larkner said. And it typically takes longer for a child to be trained at night. About 15 percent of 5-year-olds still wet their beds at night, Larkner said.

Some children are ready when they begin to wet their diapers less frequently or tell you about dirty diapers.

If a child talks about it, seems interested or starts to wake up dry after naps, it might be time, Larkner said. I suppose they're also ready when they hand you the dirty diapers they've stripped off and run the other way while you try to catch them, as is the case in my house.

Kara Repsys of Crystal Lake intends to step up the training for her 2-year-old daughter this summer, but mainly because her daughter seems ready.

She began asking in January to use the potty, but Repsys said she has taken a laid-back approach.

"I'm not interested in spending every hour taking her to the bathroom," she said. "I can tell she's learning. Some weeks, she's really into it, some weeks, she's not."

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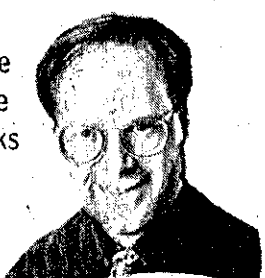
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Movie reviews

'The Incredible Hulk'

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Jeffrey Westhoff gives the new "Hulk" three stars, despite the fact that the movie has the same problem as the old "Hulk." The green guy looks like a cartoon.



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>> OnStage

'Lady With All the Answers'

Veteran actress Judith Ivey plays popular newspaper advice columnist Ann Landers in "The Lady With All the Answers," being performed at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie.

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Rummage sale

Proceeds from a rummage sale that will take place through Sunday, June 15, will benefit Save-A-Pet Adoption Center in Grayslake.

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>> Movies



Edward Norton plays Bruce Banner in "The Incredible Hulk."

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The 'Hulk' returns

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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When the second Hulk movie was named "The Incredible Hulk," fans figured this signaled a return to his comic book roots after Ang Lee's existential flop from 2003.

Not exactly. While it subtly repudiates the first film and restores characters and situations from Marvel comics, in spirit "The Incredible Hulk" is an update of the 1970s TV show of the same name.

Like Bill Bixby 30 years earlier, Edward Norton plays Bruce Banner as a haunted drifter hiding his identity from society as he sought a cure for the beast within. The film even revives the TV show's plaintive piano theme.

When the TV show's producers realized they didn't have the budget to deliver comic-book action on a weekly basis (which is why the Spider-Man TV show of the same era failed) they smartly retooled the premise into a science fiction, Jeckyll and Hyde version of "The Fugitive." The Bixby character slipped into a new town every week, and once or twice an episode he

"The Incredible Hulk"

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Rated: PG-13 for sequences of intense action violence, some frightening science fiction images and brief suggestive content
Running time: 1 hour, 54 minutes
Director: Louis Leterrier

transformed into an angry green Lou Ferrigno and wrecked stuff.

The movie's makers, director Paul Leterrier ("The Transporter") and writer Zak Penn (the second and third X-Men movies) do something similar with a more contemporary haunted drifter. Essentially, this "Incredible Hulk" is a science fiction, Jeckyll and Hyde version of "The Bourne Identity." Imagine Matt Damon turning into enormous green CGI monster during one of his movie's tense chase sequences and you get an idea how the new "Hulk" plays, at least during its first hour — easily the film's stronger half.

The only acknowledgment of the first movie is that we find Banner in South America, where he exiled him-

self at the end of the Ang Lee film. Living in a shantytown outside Rio de Janeiro, Banner has learned anger management techniques from a martial arts master.

Trading in the glacial pace of Lee's "Hulk" for more action is a no-brainer, but Penn's script is also more human and adds a much needed sense of humor (in not quite fluent Portuguese, Banner tells a Brazilian bully, "Don't make me hungry. You won't like me when I'm hungry"). Except for Tyler, who is no substitute for Jennifer Connelly, the new cast members fit their roles better.

Norton looks like he starved himself to play Banner, and his twig-like limbs are the perfect, ironic counterpoint for his massive alter ego.

Despite all the improvements, though, the new "Hulk" has the same central problem as the old "Hulk." Whenever the title character shows up, he looks like a cartoon.

And the digital Hulk doesn't look believable interacting with his human co-stars (which happens more often in this film than the last).

>> Grilling Tips

Orange juice can flavor burger

These turkey "sliders" have a citrus twist. The National Beer Wholesalers Association offer this recipe for burgers.

Orange and Beer Barbecue Turkey Sliders

Turkey sliders:
12 ounces Belgium-style wheat beer
1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
1/2 cup finely diced red bell pepper
1/2 cup dry garlic-and-herb seasoning bread crumbs
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 cup chopped basil
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
1 teaspoon salt

Orange Beer BBQ Sauce:
1/2 cup fresh-squeezed orange juice (reserve orange peels)
1/4 cup honey mustard
1/4 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup diced shallot or onion
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 1/2 tablespoons butter
12 brioche or use other small dinner rolls

Prepare the turkey sliders by combining in large bowl 1/4 cup of the beer, ground turkey, red pepper, breadcrumbs, cilantro, basil, scallions, orange zest and salt. Stir to mix well. Shape mix-



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Orange and Beer Barbecue Turkey Sliders have a citrus twist after orange juice is added.

ture by 1/4 cupfuls into twelve 3-inch round sliders, about 3/4 to 1 inch thick. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan, whisk together remaining beer, orange juice, honey mustard, brown sugar, onion, vinegar, tomato paste and butter. Stir to blend well. Add reserved squeezed orange peels to the saucepan and bring mixture to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium; boil 15 minutes, stirring frequently, or until sauce is thickened and mixture is reduced to 1 cup. Discard orange peels. Cool sauce to room temperature. Reserve 1/2 cup of sauce for serving with sliders.

Spray broiler pan or grilling rack with olive oil cooking spray. Prepare gas or charcoal grill. Place sliders on grill and cook 8 minutes, turning and brushing sliders with orange beer BBQ sauce, until fully cooked through. Serve on split soft dinner rolls with reserved sauce.

Makes 12 sliders (serves 4 to 6).

Patience is needed when potty training

• POTTY

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That's bound to happen, Larkner said. "As soon as you meet resistance, it's time to lay off," she said.

Try again later, she said.

Don't get discouraged and definitely don't turn the training into a stressful situation for you or the child, Larkner said.

Put a training potty out when your child is about 18 months old, Larkner suggested, just so the child gets used to seeing it around.

Larkner would ask her daughter every morning if she wanted to use the potty. Her daughter didn't. But as she grew closer to age 3, she told the baby-sitter one day that she wanted to go potty. "She went, and that was the end of it," Larkner said.

Once a child uses the potty successfully, praise should keep them interested, she said. "Not gooshy overwhelming, just 'Wow, that's

a really big girl thing you can do,'" she said.

Larkner does not recommend giving candy as a reward because of the concerns these days with childhood obesity, but she has seen other rewards work for some parents. A new pair of big kid underpants can work wonders, she said.

A friend of hers put the dump truck toy her son wanted on top of the refrigerator. When the boy became trained, he got the truck, Larkner said.

The only time Belinda Roberts' children are given M&Ms is when they use the potty, she said. The Belvidere mother said the treat worked for her oldest child and seems to be working for her son, who recently turned 3.

A successful potty is worthy of three M&Ms, while a try gets one. Like many children, her son was having trouble with bowel movements, so she offered ice cream as a reward for that. His big sister cheers him on and receives the same rewards, Roberts said.

"We don't have a special summertime trick, just being consistent with the reward and lots of praise," she said.

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May 5-9

Rony Herbert Castro - Caceres and Rosalinda Argueta - Irias of Waukegan; Paulo Abacan Bautista and Heidi Pargad Monsalud of Gurnee; Daniel Edward Haefler of Union Grove; Wisconsin and Heather Lynn Norin of Lindenhurst; Brian Thomas Monroe and Roxanne Patricia Reed of Zion; Michael John Rohr and Shannon Christina Nicklaus of Lakemoor; Scott Kurtis Ritchey and Nicole Marie Bono of Round Lake Park; Jeremy Allen Volk of Zion; and Laura Marie Torola of Waukegan; Luis Manuel Amezcua of Waukegan; and Norma Yanez of Waukegan; Gustavo Alonso Briseno of Mundelein; and Lynette Medina of Grayslake; Jose Horacio Reyes

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May 12-16

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May 19-23

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>> OnStage

Good advice

Play about columnist has answers

By TOM WITOM
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"The Lady With All the Answers," an insightful one-woman play starring veteran actress Judith Ivey, is about popular newspaper advice columnist known as Ann Landers (real name: Esther Pauline Lederer, or Eppie to friends).

It takes place July 1, 1975, in her tiny Chicago apartment - nicely re-created on the Northlight Theatre stage - where she finds herself stuck "on the most difficult column I've ever tried to put together" since she began writing in 1955. Seated before her typewriter, the woman who counseled an audience of 60 million readers on every issue, including suicide, teen pregnancy, menopause and homosexuality (as well as how to hang one's toilet paper), confronts her impending divorce and is not about to have the public learn of her failed 36-year marriage from any other source.

David Rambo's play, which runs 1 hour 40 minutes with an intermission, starts out slowly, taking its time to lay out the background on how Iowa-born Eppie and her competitive twin sister, Pauline Esther (nicknamed Popo) Phillips, ended up fol-

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Judith Ivey as Ann Landers in "The Lady With All the Answers" at Northlight Theatre..

lowing similar writing careers, Popo being the voice of Dear Abby.

Her appeal in 1971 to readers resulted in an outpouring of nearly one million letters in support of a cancer research bill, after which President Richard Nixon signed the National Cancer Act. Before entering journalism, Eppie lived in Wisconsin and fought against Sen. Joseph McCarthy's election, making her mark with the local Democratic Party and befriending influential people, such as then Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

She freely admitted, "I'm not an expert on any subject, but I can get to the experts." In one of her first columns, she got Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to offer advice, which mightily impressed her editor at The Chicago Sun-Times, who

gave her the job. She continued with the syndicated column until her death in 2002 at age 84.

As written, Rambo's play has Ivey often break the "fourth wall" and connect directly with members sitting in the audience. It's an unnecessary distraction.

However, "The Lady" comes into its own during the emotionally charged second act when Ann Landers tells how she protested against the Vietnam War and personally visited hundreds of injured American soldiers in that country and followed up with 2,500 phone calls to loved ones on behalf of the GIs.

>> Out&About

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SAVE-A-PET ADOPTION CENTER: A four-day rummage sale in the North Trails subdivision, 1730 Portage Pass, Deerfield, will benefit the Save-A-Pet

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NIGHT & DAY

Dining & Entertainment Section

Second Wayne's Pizza Opens: More Of A Good Thing

By LESLIE GLAZIER-WERNER

Wayne's Pizza has been the place to go for pizza in the Third Lake/Grayslake area for the past 20 years. Now father and daughter, Wayne and Jessica Daymont, have teamed up to open another location at 333 Route 45 in Lindenhurst.

Jessica said they've been busy selling the same great pizza since opening their doors on December 15. "Dad's recipes are very good. He took a long time perfecting them," she said. She added that her father has been making pizza for 30 years.

Twenty-one year old Jessica brings enthusiasm to the business, as well as 7 years experience working in her father's restaurant. She and the staff were warm and engaging, and the service was quick.

Wayne's has thin crust, "double decker", and pan pizza. The thin crust, cheese and pepperoni pizza I tried had a generous amount of fresh pepperoni sandwiched between two layers of melted cheese; the sauce had a satisfying punch.

In addition to carry out and delivery, the new Wayne's Pizza has a fun dining area with seating for 10. The space has the feel of a 1950s diner, with stainless steel dinettes and vintage photos on the walls. The red, white, and black color scheme echoes this theme, along with model cars and a Coke machine from the period. The dining area is ideal for birthday parties and team get-togethers.

The restaurant also has a full menu that includes hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, appetizers, and even dinners. "People really like our homemade Italian beef and our spaghetti," Jessica noted. Prices are very reasonable. For example, a 21 shrimp dinner with French fries and coleslaw is only \$5.95.

And don't forget dessert. Wayne's has soft serve ice cream and 8 flavors of hand-packed ice cream all year round. So try a shake or sundae and enjoy a bit of summer.

Jessica said they hope to open more locations in the future. Here's to their continued success, because you can never get too much of a good thing.

Wayne's Pizza also has a variety of catering packages to make your event a success no matter where the location. All their "party packages" are ready to heat and eat. Select from baked mostaccioli, Italian sausage, Italian meatballs, and Italian beef. Again, prices are reasonable. For example, a half tray of mostaccioli serves up to 12 people for only \$21.95.

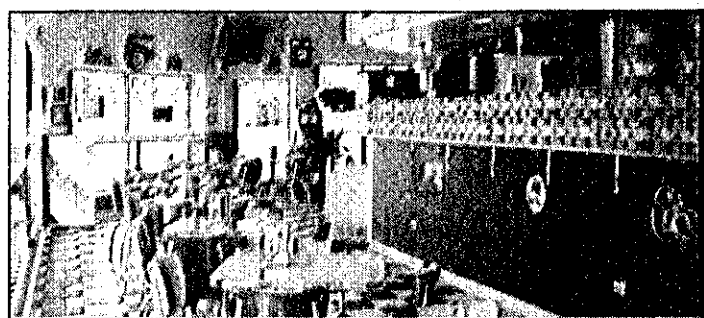
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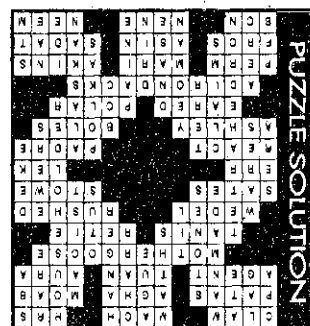
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ACROSS

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5. Speed of sound
9. Time units (abbr.)
12. Hussar monkey
14. Turkish title
15. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
16. For use in chemical reactions
17. Sir in Asia
18. Radiant light around the head of a saint
19. Famous tale teller
22. Ancient city of Egypt
23. Tie once more
24. Ski, alternating directions
25. Moved swiftly
28. Satisfies
29. Vermont ski town
30. Make a mistake
31. Albanian monetary unit
32. Respond to something
35. Father (Span.)
37. Scarlett's first love
39. Character parts
40. Appended for hearing
42. Characterized by opposite extremes
43. The largest US park
45. Hair wave process
46. Cheremis
47. Planet of the Apes actor
51. Arguments in favor of
52. 7th Hindu month
53. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
54. Good (Gaelic)
55. Spanish baby boy
56. Margosa tree

DOWN

1. A certified accountant
2. Fail to keep up
3. Fed
4. Of humans
5. Sciences dealing with the logic of quantities
6. Chills and fever
7. Genus salvelinus
8. Anything from which something can be hung
9. Homeowner
10. Not widely distributed
11. Helps little firms
13. Rocks
15. Chinese communist
20. __ death do us part
21. Screech owl genus
22. Any solid having four plane faces
24. Commodities offered for sale
26. Pitchers
27. Ice hockey fake
28. Blood serums
33. Asserted rights
34. __ itory; region
35. Lively dances
36. Northern Am. dweller
38. Beefeater
39. Mythological bird of prey
41. DNA enzyme
42. Thomas __, American patriot
43. About aviation
44. Yugoslavian river
45. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Suffix for related compounds
49. No (Scottish)



50. Abbr. for immediate memory

>> Horoscope

ARIES – March 21/April 20

Aries, you may be feeling a little unhappy about the behavior of a close friend or relative.

TAURUS – April 21/May 21

You will be spending a lot of time outdoors enjoying the weather with friends and family, Taurus. Sporting activities will call to you and you will excel this week.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, when faced with an important decision,

you have all of the answers.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

A friend will come to you for advice, Cancer. Be sure to use a logical point of view when speaking to him or her. Romantic endeavors are put on hold.

LEO – July 23/Aug. 23

Saturday will be an ideal day for light entertainment and company, Leo. Avoid travel on Sunday as you'll be recovering from a night spent hosting.

VIRGO – Aug. 24/Sept. 22

This will be an especially satisfying week concerning work or business, Virgo.

LIBRA – Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Your workload will be larger than usual this week, Libra. Overworking may cause stress, so find the time to rest and relax whenever you can. Keep clear of Aries on Tuesday.

SCORPIO – Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, you could find yourself working on

more than one project this week. Try not to bite off more than you can chew because there won't be too many people around to help.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Difficulties at work or at home could be smoothed out easily with a bit of compromise on your part, Sagittarius. A bad attitude, on the other hand, will worsen the deal.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, just when you thought life was get-

ting a little humdrum something exciting comes your way.

AQUARIUS – Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, encouraged by what you've accomplished recently, your ambitions will be at an all-time high. With progressive thinking you'll only improve on your work.

PISCES – Feb. 19/March 20

At work you will have to put in extra effort to get the results you want, Pisces.

>> Out&About

AQUA SAFARI

VOLO BAG STATE NATURAL

AREA: Children are invited to bring their fathers (and mothers) to the Dad's Day Aqua Safari, which will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside.

During the event, participants will learn about the organisms that depend on water, including dragonfly nymphs, diving beetles and water striders. The program is for children ages 5 and older.

To register, call Volo Bog State Natural Area at 815-344-1294 or e-mail dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

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Fandangero, a group that blends Cuban, Afro-Peruvian, samba and flamenco rhythms, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County St., Waukegan.

To learn more about the event, call the library at 847-623-2041 or visit www.waukeganpl.org.

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OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE: Columnist Steve Sarley has lessons to share after a memorable pond fishing experience. **PAGE 8B**

BOYS TENNIS: Warren senior Igor Fedorov receives the Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award in boys tennis. **PAGE 9B**

HOMETOWN SPORTS: A gymnast from Ultimate Gymnastics in Gurnee places in the top 10 at nationals. **PAGE 12B**

>> Sidelines



Jessica Jacobsen

Make the best of the summer

Summer can be a tough time of year if you are a sports fan. Hockey season is over, NBA basketball is about to wrap-up, and prep sports are over.

But instead of whining about having limited options, we can look for other ways to get our fill of sports.

For you anglers out there, fishing is always an option. But if you want some tips, you would be better off reading Steve Sarley instead of me. The last time I picked up a fishing pole was probably 13 years ago.

There are still other sports-related activities going on around the community. And with gas prices so high, it makes it harder to get to Chicago for a Cubs or Sox game.

Call up your local American Legion chapter.

This is the time of year that students and other adults can't wait to get out on the field because it's usually warm and dry. Well at least we've got one of the two so far.

Or if you are out on a morning walk, run, or stroll on a Saturday, why not stop by the local park and see what Little League games are going on. Sure, there aren't many scoreboards to keep you posted on everything that's happening, but it's an opportunity to enjoy a game and give you an idea of what the local high school has to look forward to in few years.

I'd also like to take the chance to congratulate the Mundelein High School boys water polo team. The boys were named conference champions and Lake County champions with a 23-9 record after their season ended at the sectional finals.

According to a release, team stand-out Ricky Lukacs was selected to the third team of the All-State Water Polo Team.

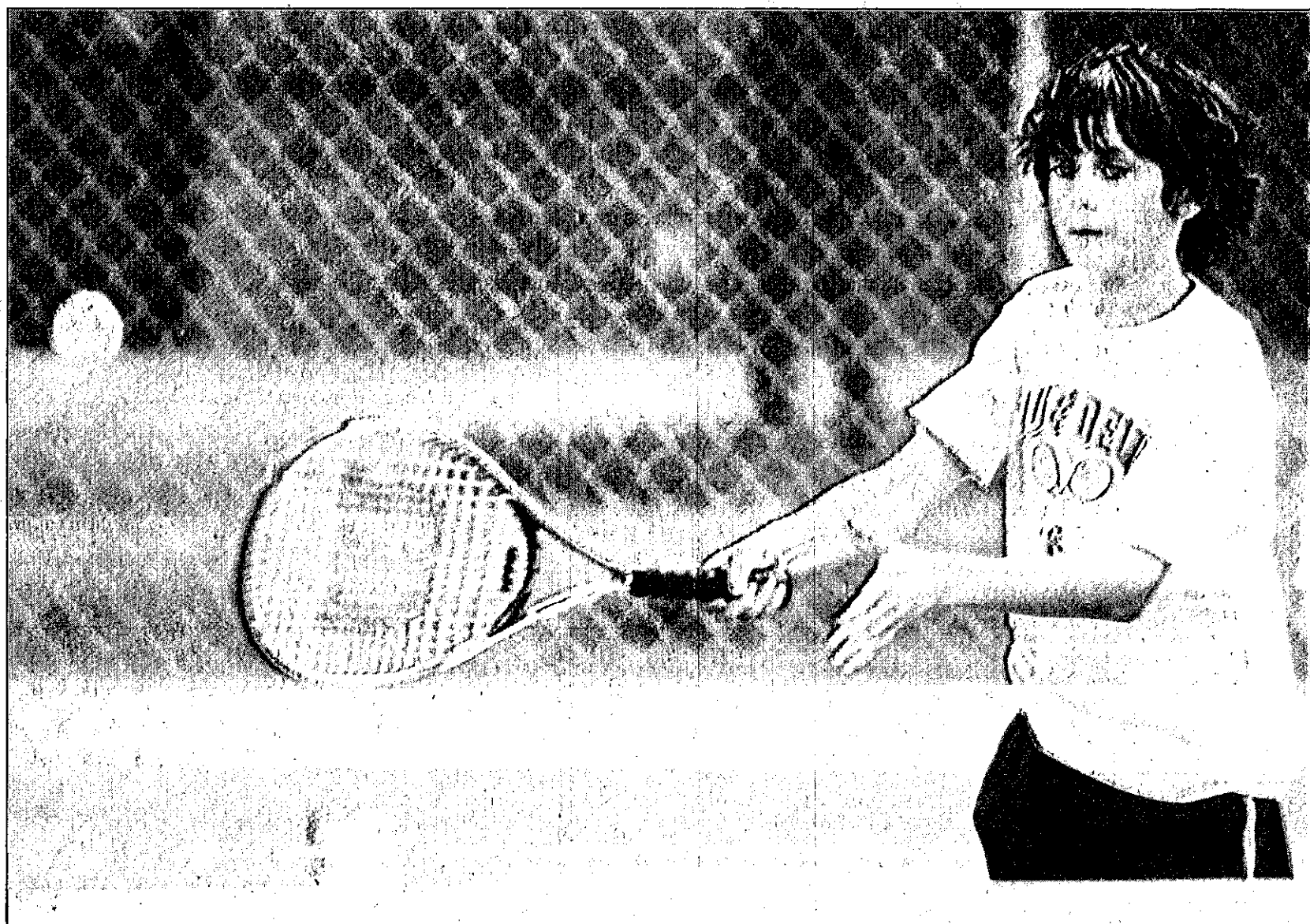
This is the second year in a row that he was selected to the all-state team.

He was named third team last year.

He also has been first team All-Sectional and All-Conference the last two years.

Other team members also were honored. Kevin Coughlin earned the first team All-Sectional Award for the second year in a row; Pat Falconer is second team all-sectional; and Mike McClure received honorable mention all-sectional.

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John Westerberg, 11, hits the ball during Warren Township High School's Junior Excellence Program run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen. The Junior Excellence Program is open to tennis players in grades fifth through eighth, typically. Cohen also will bring in players from his varsity program to serve as coaches during the spring and fall sessions.

Exposing excellence

Tennis program takes the best, makes them better

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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GURNEE - Most young athletes spend the summer attending camps to improve their skills. But at Warren there is a program that is different.

The Junior Excellence Program, run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen, is a camp that has two sessions: one in the spring and one in the fall.

It is typically offered to boys in fifth through eighth grades. But high schoolers from other districts have participated, Cohen said.

The program is organized like many programs. There are drills, exercises and playing time. But parents can't just register their kids for this program. It is an invitation-only tennis program, and invitations are based on what Cohen sees during the summer camp at Warren and the calls he receives from parents in surrounding areas.

Cohen said it operates that way because he does not want to discourage anyone from playing tennis if the competition or situation is too tough.

"They have to be ready to play because we do an hour of drill, and then they just do an hour of match play where they just get to play," he said.



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Samuel Gudeman, 11, plays at Warren Township High School's Junior Excellence Program run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen.

"If they love to come out and play tennis, but they don't know how to play a match, don't know how to score, can't serve, you know they're going to double fault four straight points. And it's not fun for anybody."

Cohen must know what he's doing because 10 of his top 11 players on varsity this year were from the Junior Excellence Program.

Cohen also has some of his varsity and former

varsity players help coach. Two of his coaches this year are doubles team members Igor Fedorov and Konrad Siczek, who finished in the top 24 this year and are both Junior Excellence alums.

Some of the students seem to like that, including Bryan Hunt, 13.

"I think [the program's] really great because there are some really good kids here, and I like how [Cohen] brings Konrad and Igor out just to help the camp," Hunt said. "And during matches, sometimes he'll let me play against them, so that's kind of fun."

Hunt's parents, Gregory and Lisa, also like what the camp is providing for their sons. Hunt's younger brother Kevin, 11, also is a participant.

"I think it's a really great program ... It's just a good atmosphere," Lisa Hunt said. "[Cohen] creates a good atmosphere. It's competitive, but he teaches them how to act appropriately."

Gregory Hunt also likes how the high school coaches present themselves and act as good role models.

The program has been going for about 8 or 9 years, Cohen said.

One of the early participants is Brian Silverstein, former Warren tennis player and No. 1 singles player at Quincy University in Quincy.

See TENNIS, page 12B

WEEKLY PLANNER

TEAM	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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		WASHINGTON 7:30 p.m. WWME, AM-1690					at Los Angeles 9:30 p.m. AM-1690
				at F.C. Dallas 2 p.m. AM-1200 (Spanish)			
			at Georgia 6 p.m. FM-105.9				

Leading by example



Photo provided

Warren's Igor Fedorov receives the Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award from Matt Gross of Ottawa. The Pitchford Sportsmanship award is for tennis players who show outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court. To read more, see PAGE 9B.

>> OutdoorExperience

Lessons learned on the pond with Ken

Ken Brown called to ask if I'd be interested in hitting a local pond with him after work on a recent weeknight. I've fished the pond with Brown in the past and have always had excellent action.

After I threw my rods into Ken's truck, I realized that the fanny pack full of tackle that I had packed up, was still sitting on my kitchen counter. Brownie said, "Don't worry! I've got plenty of stuff for both of us."

I was mad at my negligence. I had picked out several baits that I thought would be effective for springtime area pond fishing.

I had packed a R-Trap Clatterbait, a Heddon Tiny Torpedo, some 4-inch plastic worms, along with weighted worm hooks and a pack of Gulp leeches. I hoped Brown had packed similar stuff.

We got to the pond and parked the truck. Brown picked up his bag of tackle and we walked to the shoreline.

I opened Brown's bag to find enough plastic worms, tubes, creatures and lizards to supply an army of anglers for a year. He also had a box of assorted spinnerbaits and frogs. I asked him, "Hey! Where the heck are your hooks and jigs?" The answer was, "You have got to be kidding me?" "I replied, "Nope! No hooks and no jigs."

We were left to fish with what we had on our lines.

Brown was fortunate enough to have a worm hook tied onto one of his rods. I would be forced to use a three-eighth-ounce blue jig that was far too heavy for the shallow water we were fishing.

It was either use what we had or go home.

One reason I was hesitant to leave the water was because of the conditions. It was warm, with a gentle breeze and a big front was scheduled to blow in just before dark. The onset of a front often throws bass into a feeding frenzy. This was perfect weather.

The shallow pond was ringed with weed growth.

From the shoreline, you could go out about four feet before you encountered dense weed growth that went out another four to 12 feet from shore.

Almost immediately we found that the fish were stacked up on the outer weedline.

We needed to cast past the weeds and then slowly work our way back toward



Steve Sarley

them.

When the bait got close to the weedline - bam! - the strike came.

I caught a few fish on my too-heavy jig and worm, but I was getting frustrated watching Brown reel them in one after another on his worms. I had to switch to another bait, but what?

I knew it was too early in the year to try fishing with plastic frogs but felt that the fish were attacking so aggressively that the frogs might possibly work.

Fishing plastic frogs requires the use of superline. Monofilament has too much stretch to it.

When it's time to set the hook, you have to set it really hard. Fishing frogs requires patience.

When you feel the bite, you need to wait until the frog disappears underwater and you can feel the weight of the fish. That's when you set the hook as hard as you can.

I tossed out my frog and it was immediately attacked. It was a magical night. Cast after cast, when the frog got to the weedline, a bass would inhale it. Sometimes the bass would hit it right through the dense matting of weeds as I reeled it in.

Brown decided to try a frog, too. It was a good decision. We laughed as we caught fish after fish. I swear that in just more than 3 1/2 hours, we caught more than 100 bass between us. The fish weren't "dinks," either. Almost every one of the bass measured 13 inches or more.

The best fish landed weighed well more than three pounds and Brownie lost one near the shore that was a solid six-pounds-plus.

The front didn't come through until shortly after we left for home. It was a great excursion and I learned a few lessons.

First, always be ready to take advantage of perfect weather conditions when they present themselves. Keep a rod in the car, just in case a magic moment arrives.

Next, don't give up when things look bleak. I easily could have called it quits when I found myself without the right tackle.

Lastly, don't be afraid to try something new or different. If I had been resolute in my thought that spring bass didn't hit frogs, I wouldn't have had such a great evening.

You can learn to fish with the Lake County Forest Preserves at Independence Grove Forest Preserve near Libertyville.

Bring the kids. All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own rod, reel and tackle.

Illinois fishing licenses are required for those 16 and older. "Learn to Fish" is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14. This program is open to adults and families with children aged 8 and older.

Participants meet outside the Visitors Center before hitting the lake to find a hotspot. All fishing at Independence Grove is catch-and-release. The cost for the program is \$21 a person (\$15 for Lake County residents). Register online at www.LCFPD.org or call 847-968-3321. Don't forget to bring your hats and sunscreen. Independence Grove Forest Preserve is on Buckley Road (Route 137), just east of Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21).

There are a few openings still available for the next "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop, taking place from July 11 through 13 at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon, Ill.

This popular workshop introduces participants to a wide variety of outdoors recreation skills and activities.

The \$185 cost includes all meals, lodging, use of equipment, and course materials.

For more information and registration materials, click on the IDNR Web site at the following link: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/Bo/w/index.htm>.

• Northwest News Group outdoors columnist Steve Sarley's radio show, "The Outdoors Experience," airs live from 8-9 a.m. Saturdays on AM-560. Sarley also runs a Web site for outdoors enthusiasts, OExperience.com. He can be reached by e-mail at sarfishing@yahoo.com.

>> HometownSports

Summer tennis camp offered at Warren

GURNEE - Warren Township High School will offer a summer tennis camp at the Almond Road Campus. The camp will begin Monday, June 16, and will be for three weeks.

Tennis camp instructors will include Vince DeSecki, girls varsity tennis coach, Greg Cohen, boys varsity tennis coach and USPTA certified, and Michael Elder, assistant coach. Instruction will be provided by Warren tennis athletes such as Igor Fedorov, Konrad Siczek, Dan Gradner, Matt Schlais, Alice Wang, and Kim Cholewa.

Camp forms are available in the main offices of both Warren High School buildings, Woodland schools, Gurnee District 56 schools, St. Patrick's school, St. Gilbert's school, Prairie Crossing and Millburn.

For more information, contact DeSecki at vdesecki@wths.net, or by phone at 847-599-4731.

Youth basketball tourney has openings

WAUKEGAN - North American Youth Sports still has openings for its annual summer regional youth basketball tournament. The tournament is from July 11 to 13 at Hinkston Park Fieldhouse in Waukegan.

This tournament will feature 10 brackets. The following are those brackets: Fifth-sixth grade boys; fifth-sixth grade girls; seventh grade boys; seventh grade girls; eighth grade boys; eighth grade girls; ninth-10th grade boys; ninth-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls.

All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

Entry fee for this tournament is \$260 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. Awards will be presented in

each bracket. June 20 is the deadline for entry. For more information or an entry form, call 866-352-5915 or tournament director Jim Ross 847-662-0297.

Antioch High School looking for coaches

ANTIOCH - Antioch Community High School is accepting applications for coaches for the 2008-09 school year. The following positions are available: head girls golf coach and assistant wrestling coach. Teaching openings are available for English and special education. Interested applicants should contact Steve Schoenfelder, athletic director, at 847-838-7630.

Basketball camp looking for players

GURNEE - There will be a Mike Small camps for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through eighth. The camp at Woodland Middle School in Gurnee will be from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-8.

For information or to get a registration form, visit www.mike-small.com. People also can call 847-635-8437 or e-mail info@mike-small.com.

Blackhawks youth camp comes to Vernon Hills

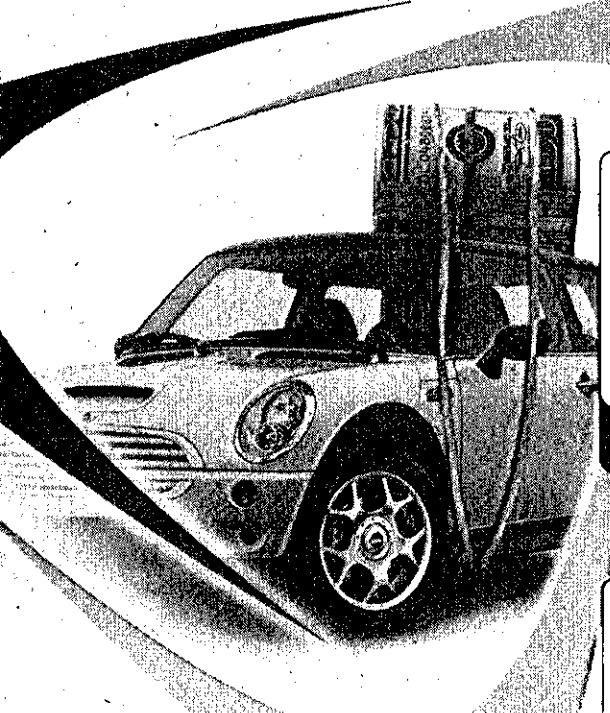
VERNON HILLS - The Glacier Ice Rink in Vernon Hills will host a Chicago Blackhawks Youth Hockey Dream Camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 years old. The camp will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from July 21 to 25.

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Warren tennis player and Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award winner

Warren senior wins sportsmanship award

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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Fedorov might be right. Cohen said writing the letter of recommendation made



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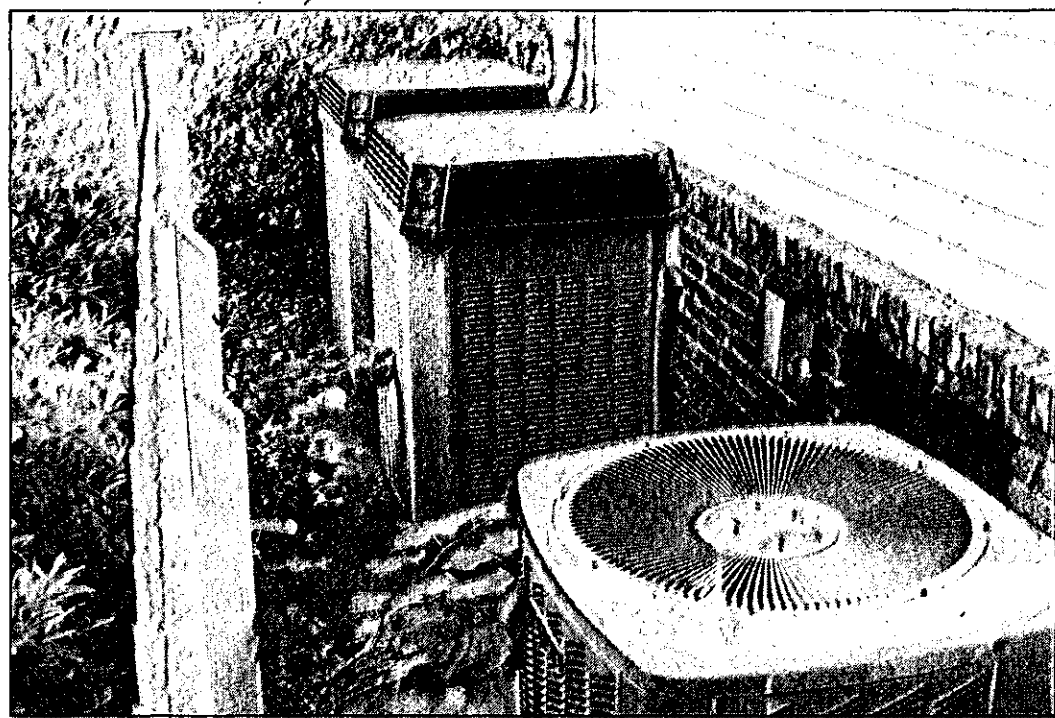
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(NAPSA)-It's important for homeowners to take charge of their heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system before it takes advantage of them. This can be achieved by obtaining a Preventive Maintenance Agreement (PMA) through a reputable, licensed and insured HVAC contractor. Doing so will extend the life of the system and save you money. Similar to performing regular maintenance on your automobile, maintaining your HVAC system can help it provide years of optimal comfort. With a PMA, which is usually offered for a yearly fee, a technician will come to your home to test and inspect your HVAC system before any minor issues turn into major problems. Although different PMAs are available, technicians usually visit a home twice a year—once before the cooling season and once before the heating season—to ensure everything is working properly. Another all-inclusive option is a lifetime PMA that includes the cost of all maintenance, repairs,

components, emergency service and equipment replacement.

It's important to remember that warranties are different from PMAs. A warranty will only last for a certain amount of time and sometimes only applies to specific parts of an HVAC unit. If a part is not working and it's still under warranty, the manufacturer will provide a free replacement part. However, since warranties don't cover labor, homeowners will still be responsible for installation costs.

While it's important to have a service technician carefully inspect your unit to uncover any refrigerant leaks, soot, rust, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires, there are also a few simple maintenance tasks, recommended by the HVAC experts at York(r), a brand of Johnson Controls, that homeowners can perform to improve their units' performance:

- Clear debris away from intake and exhaust vents to ensure unobstructed airflow.
- Check the thermostat wire



It's important to have a service technician carefully inspect your air-conditioning unit to uncover any refrigerant leaks, soot, rust, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires.

entry point and, if necessary, apply caulk, so a draft won't influence the thermostat reading.

- Remove supply and return registers to see if the ducts need to be cleaned.

To learn more about PMAs or to get additional tips on how to improve the performance of your HVAC system, visit York on the Web at www.yorkupg.com or call (800) 910-YORK.

How green is your fine flooring?

(NAPSA)-If you want a beautiful floor that's also green, think laminate.

A recent study considered the ecological and economic factors in making, using and recycling or disposing of the most popular and attractive flooring choices: wood, carpeting, PVC, marble, ceramic and laminate. The study assessed the ecological effect of these flooring choices to determine how laminate flooring measures on the green scale.



Beauty is as beauty does. Laminate floors are not just practical and beautiful to look at; they're also environmentally friendly.

Four areas were considered:

Energy Balance

Eco-efficiency is the total energy consumed in the production, installation, cleaning, heating and disposal. Laminate flooring and carpeting tied as requiring the least energy over their lifetimes.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Potential

This assesses CO2 emissions associated with the floor through its useful life cycle. All products ranked the same.

Recycling Effectiveness

This tracks the energy needed to recycle a product. Laminate flooring topped the list thanks to its low emission levels in production and reusability, as well as the low generation of waste in production and installation.

Consumption of Resources

This considered the use of materials such as limestone, iron ore, phosphorus, potassium chloride, sulfur, salt, gas, oil and coal.

To the relief of many who appreciate a beautiful floor as well as a better world, laminate flooring and solid wood performed well given their use of renewable and sustainably managed wood floor materials.

Laminate flooring has an additional advantage: It's made almost entirely of materials that are not useful for other things and would otherwise be incinerated or used for landfill.

The study concluded that the advantages of laminate flooring will continue to grow. That means an environmentally friendly product that is also beautiful can be the choice of many homeowners for years to come.

Another important factor that's not so easy to measure is style. Some home decorating ideas, designers say, "ugly out," that is, people tire of and replace them before they get a chance to wear out. Many believe that's where laminate flooring has the greatest advantage. Not only do its good looks improve with time, but it works well with just about any style or decor.

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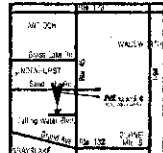
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Junior excellence programs teaches kids tennis skills, sportsmanship

• TENNIS

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"It's amazing the way it's grown," Silverstein said. "He started it from nothing. It really develops people into quality tennis players."

Silverstein credits Cohen's dedication to the program's continued success.

"He's really an amazing coach. ... He uses all the drills you use in varsity practice for the younger kids, and it really allows them to develop," Silverstein said.

Cohen first started junior excellence as something open to boys in the Woodland School District, but the next year that changed.

"We wanted to open it up to

everybody," Cohen said.

A lot of the program's students are from the Gurnee area including Samuel Gudeman, 11.

"I think it's a very good program because I love to come out and hit, and it allows me to be myself," he said.

With all that Gudeman has learned at the program, one thing stands out - sportsmanship.

"You lose some and you win some," he said. "Just learn to have fun."

Having fun is one thing that Cohen tries to stress at the camps.

"I think in everything we do, we stress tennis is just one small thing in life," Cohen said.

Cohen also quoted John

Wooden, UCLA's highly-regarded former men's basketball coach: "Sports doesn't build character, it reveals character."

Even though operating the Junior Excellence Program in addition to a summer camp might take up more of his time, Cohen said, it keeps him energized.

"This year was the best year of tennis for me in my life," Cohen said. "This is the type of year that, if you're a coach, it's the ideal year to say this is it, I'm done. It can't get any better than this. And the next day, I was back out ... and I get a chance to watch these fifth-graders ... and I think, oh my [gosh]. This is going to be a great year, eight years from now."

>> HometownSports

Ultimate gymnast in top 10 at nationals

GURNEE - Ultimate's Bianca Federico can now claim a top 10 in the all-around at nationals.

Federico, a first year Level 9 gymnast with the Gurnee-based club, turned in an incredibly consistent performance at the recent Level 9 Eastern National finals in Dayton, Ohio, over Mother's Day weekend. She scored 9s on all four events, placed sixth on floor exercise and seventh in the all-around, scoring an impressive 36.625 in the Senior B age group. Federico was competing as a member of the Region 5 team,

which included top gymnasts from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Teammate Kacie Holop, competing in the Senior D age group, turned in an impressive performance on floor, to also claim a sixth-place finish on this event. Both girls helped their regional team (Region 5) to dominance at the event, claiming first place team honors in all 8 age groups. Federico's showing at nationals tops a great season for the Grayslake gymnast, who took gold on floor at the Illinois State Championships in DeKalb last month.




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LIBERTYVILLE, IL
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During this one-day event, every used vehicle will be sold for thousands below original price, including cars for \$79. Why price them so low? According to Curt Biron, General Sales Manager of Liberty Auto Plaza, "The recent strong economy has driven interest rates down, allowing more and more people to trade up to new vehicles," he continued, "Plus, with auto leasing at an all time high, we are seeing more lease return vehicles than ever before."

Liberty Auto Plaza has decided to offer these vehicles to the public for thousands below normal values before they go up on auction. "The community has shown us great support throughout the years, and we are very grateful. We would rather give these deals to the public than unload these vehicles at auction."

A huge selection of over 150 cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles will be available for this event. "We absolutely must reduce our used inventory at all costs, so customers can expect these vehicles to

be sold for near or below wholesale," Biron stated. "Cars that would sell for \$3,000 to \$12,000 will be thousands lower. There truly is a vehicle for everyone's budget here."

Vehicles will be on display at Liberty Auto Plaza, 920 South Milwaukee Ave. in Libertyville. Special arrangements have been made for a record number of customers with event parking clearly marked.

Here's how the \$79 Super Price Cutter Sales Event works: Anyone wanting to purchase a vehicle during this event needs to be registered. Registration begins at 9:00 am. At 10:45 am, all vehicles will be opened so that customers may inspect the vehicles. The retail price will be clearly posted on the windshield of each vehicle. When the \$79 Super Price Cutter Sales Event begins at 11:00 am, the Price Cutter will cross out the retail price on each vehicle and replace it with the Super Sale price. Prices will be cut one time to the rock bottom price, including vehicles for \$79. The Super Price Cutter Sales Event is for the public only - auto dealers and wholesalers are not permitted to participate.

"It's just that simple," Curt Biron said. "Choose the vehicle you're interested in, be the first behind the wheel and

you get the opportunity to purchase that vehicle at the Super Price Cutter cost." Liberty Auto Plaza will have a host of special finance and credit lenders on site. You can stop in to pre-register or call and ask for Curt Biron. If you have had trouble obtaining auto financing in the past, don't count yourself out. If you bring in a current payroll stub and your drivers license, chances are we can arrange financing for you.

"This \$79 Super Price Cutter Sales Event will be the biggest event we've ever had" the General Sales Manager said. "I expect over 150 customers to leave this sale with great cars at great prices."

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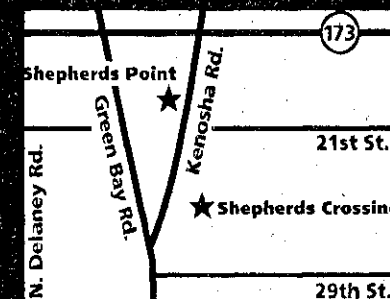


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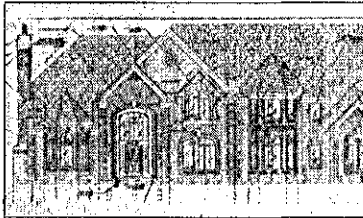
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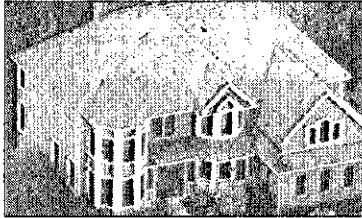
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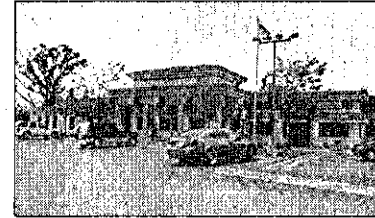
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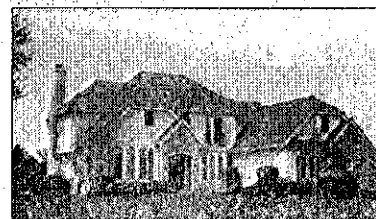
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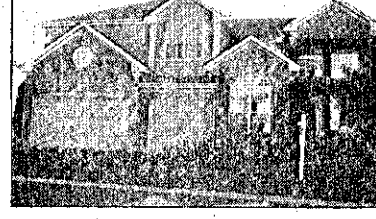
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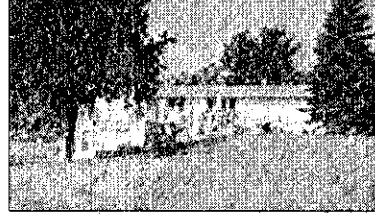
TWO-STORY GREAT ROOM



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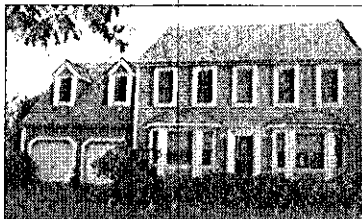
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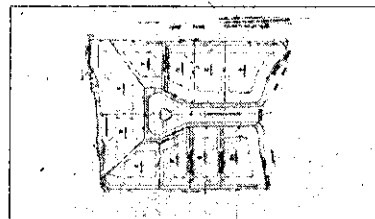
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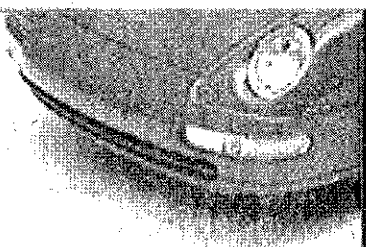
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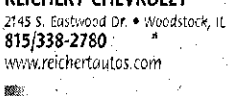
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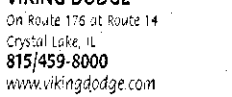
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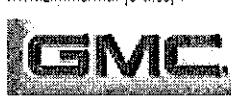
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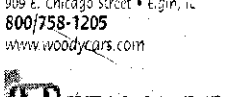


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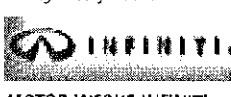
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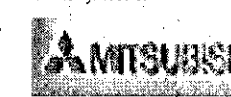


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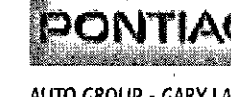
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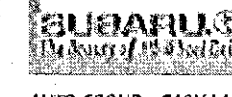


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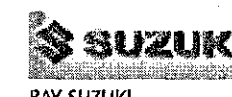


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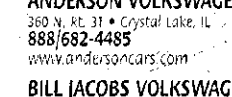


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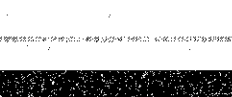


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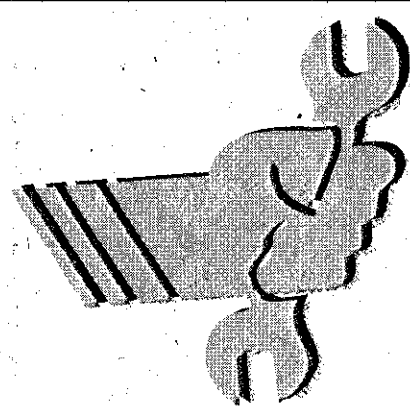
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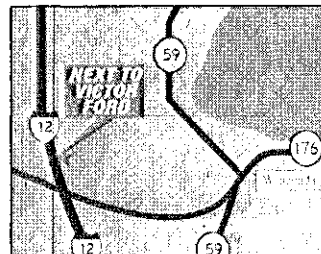
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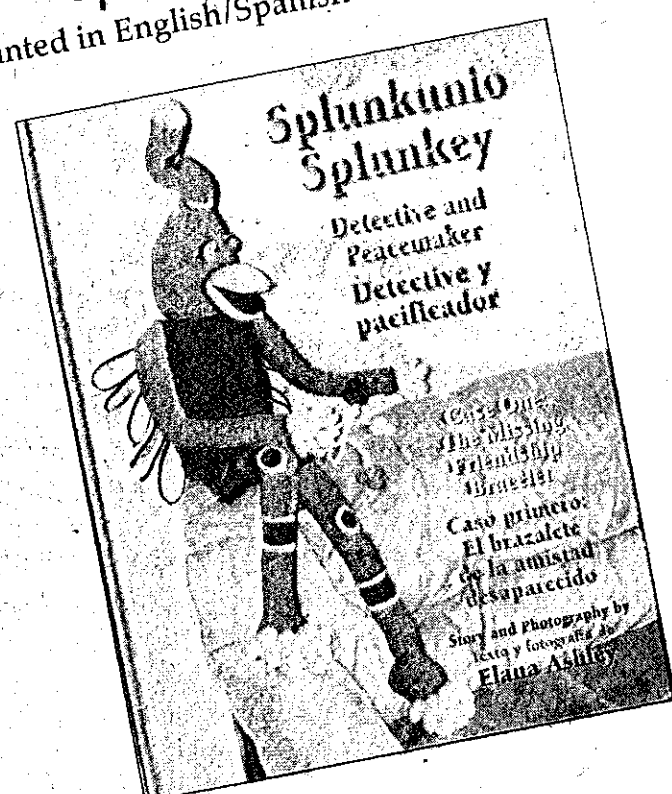
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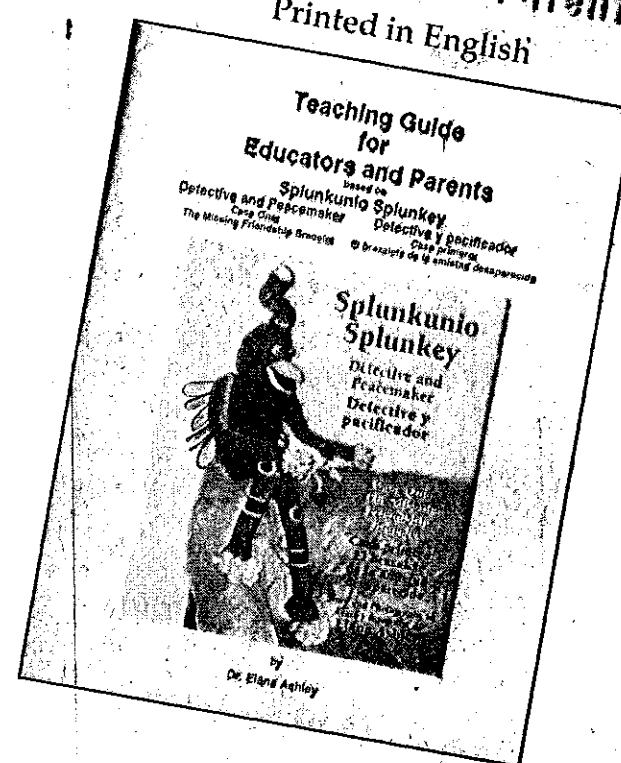
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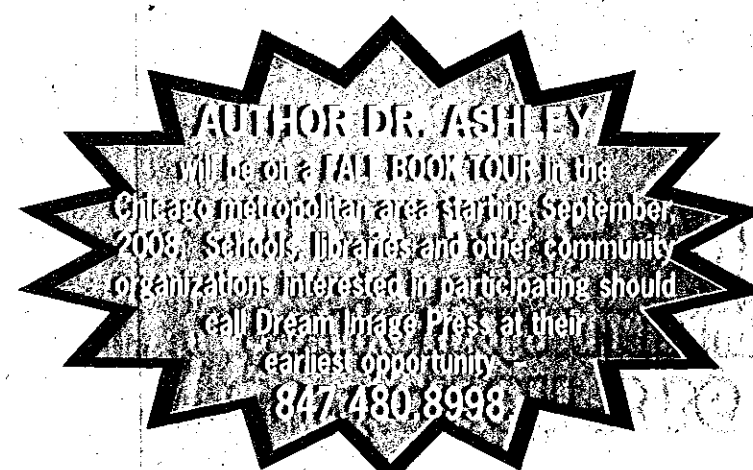
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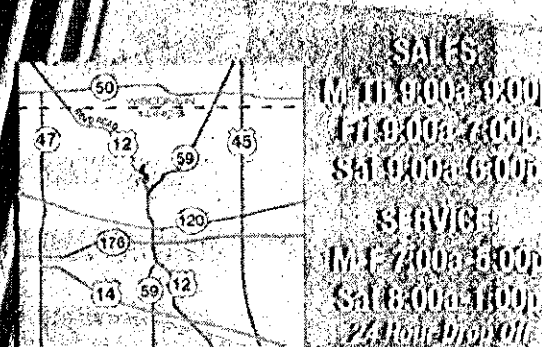


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>> MomMatters



Kim Mangia

Nice days often lost in shuffle

Did you ever realize how experiencing unpleasant things in life really makes the nice things seem extra nice? Take, for example, our weather. There is nothing like thunderstorms, tornado watches and garden-battering winds to foster appreciation for a sunny day.

This is a marked contrast from the days when I lived in Arizona. A sunny day there was all too common and, consequently, became a bit of a yawn.

Sometimes, too much of a good thing makes me take it for granted.

That applies to my children's behavior, too.

My two younger children have always been patient and helpful little shoppers, a priceless quality I never really appreciated until last weekend.

It began as a typical grocery-shopping trip, even relaxing, you could say, as I only had one of the four children with me.

Typical and relaxing, until 3 year-old Angelina spiraled into tantrum territory, alternating between attempting to tug my arm off, crying and high-pitched shrieking about the various injustices of her world, including not being allowed to get chicken strips.

Of course the laws of motherhood demand that when a child is having a tantrum, a woman with a perfectly well-behaved child will always be in close proximity, trying not to look at the spectacle and secretly patting herself on the back for not having created such a monster.

Now imagine not only seeing this secretly disapproving mom, but having the comical misfortune to run into her again and again in virtually every grocery store aisle.

And naturally, I ended up right behind her in the checkout line, as well, my daughter still screaming.

After stashing her in her carseat, taking several deep breaths and eating a dark chocolate candy bar, I realized how much I had taken her good grocery shopping behavior for granted.

• Kim Mangia is a columnist for the Lake County Journals. Write to her at kgressey@nwnews-group.com.

Parents of toddlers hope to end the

DIAPER DRAMA!

By JAMI KUNZER
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Ahhh, summer. Time for picnics in the park, swimming pools, backyard cook-outs ... and potty training?

That's what some parents are planning this summer.

Warmer days equal fewer layers of clothing to peel through when the urge to go comes on in a flash.

And if you're dealing with young aspiring nudists like my 2-year-old twin daughters, summer's a great time to finally let them run around like they want to, feeling, uh, "free."

They can wear only Pull-Ups or big-kid panties without pants around the house or outside.

"Yep, naked or near naked definitely works for us," said Linda Heide of Capron, who is training her 2-1/2-year-old daughter this summer.

It's fine to take advantage of the warm weather, experts tell me, but more importantly, make sure your children are ready.

You know that old saying? Something about taking a horse to water. You can't make him drink.

Same goes for toddlers.

"You cannot force them to go to the bathroom," said Dr. Laura Larkner, a pediatrician with Centegra Health Systems.

That's the biggest mistake parents make, she said.

Summer might be easier, but if they're ready, what they're wearing shouldn't be a big issue, she said.

If you decide, "Now it's June, we're going to potty train you," it might not be the right time," she said. "Let the child tell you and let you know if it's time. If you do that, it'll happen very quickly."

Most children train at about age 3 or when they're slightly younger than that, she said. Once a child hits age 4, parents might want to seek help from a physician. Still, the age and readiness signs vary, Larkner said. And it typically takes longer for a child to be trained at night. About 15 percent of 5-year-olds still wet their beds at night, Larkner said.

Some children are ready when they begin to wet their diapers less frequently or tell you about dirty diapers.

If a child talks about it, seems interested or starts to wake up dry after naps, it might be time, Larkner said. I suppose they're also ready when they hand you the dirty diapers they've stripped off and run the other way while you try to catch them, as is the case in my house.

Kara Repsys of Crystal Lake intends to step up the training for her 2-year-old daughter this summer, but mainly because her daughter seems ready.

She began asking in January to use the potty, but Repsys said she has taken a laid-back approach.

"I'm not interested in spending every hour taking her to the bathroom," she said. "I can tell she's learning. Some weeks, she's really into it, some weeks, she's not."

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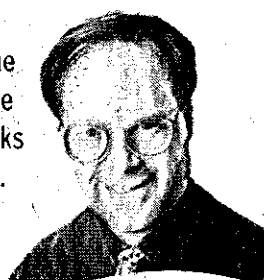
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Jeffrey Westhoff gives the new "Hulk" three stars, despite the fact that the movie has the same problem as the old "Hulk." The green guy looks like a cartoon.

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- Vicente and Kimberly Katherine Rollins of Round Lake Beach; James Mykeal Robinson of Waukegan; and Julie Marie Buff of Park City; Stephen Christopher Rose and Kelly Melissa Sulkin of Antioch; Bradley R. Matheson and Lisa Bucich of Grayslake; Billy Ray Wright Jr. and Deann Lynn Davis of Beach Park; Michael Anthony Baker and Meredith Lindsey Matthews of Round Lake; James Robert Leman and Cynthia Ann Smith of Round Lake; William Wayne Chappel and Dianne Merrill Staples of Antioch; Justin Michael Taylor of Round Lake; and Melinda Rae Leo of Island Lake; Wade Scott Lindelof and Gia Lynn Bentivegna of Waukegan; Alexander Alexander Gianaras and Mary Louise Palmer of Lake Forest; Gregory Hallett LeFevre of New Auburn; Wisconsin and Nancy-Jeanne Bachmann of Barrington; Michael Patrick Boyce of Glenview; and Molly Eileen Stahl of Libertyville; Adrian Brent Emens of Gratiot Lakes; and Yattrina Itzema Tellez Martinez of Frankfort; Ind. Eli Jacob Esquivel and Karina Aguilar of Round Lake; John Paul Buttita and Jill Marie Howard of Volo; Christopher Michael Tournas and Nicole Leigh Borcia of Long Grove; Kevin Jeffrey Lewis of Beach Park; and Kathleen McCabe Hanley of Libertyville; Brad Wayne Simoneaux and Leticia Mae Helmig of Beach Park; Benjamin Jacob Balmes of Libertyville; and Jennifer Susan Brongiel of Vernon Hills; Mario Patino and Irelia Serrano of North Chicago; Roberto Ezequiel Pineda and Maria Luisa Ramirez of Waukegan; George Joseph Mikel and Barbara Lynn Warren of Lindenhurst; Jose Camilo Lara and Beatriz Nunez Padilla of Waukegan; Cristian Castillo and Jessica Aguilar of Round Lake Beach; Derrick Devonn Chambers of Waukegan; and Tonie Yolanda Pegram of Beach Park; Loren Keith Thompson and Joanne Jerrard Thompson of Waukegan; Mario Bolanos Hernandez and Patricia Guzman Diaz of Round Lake Beach;

May 12-16

Adrian Molanco - Meneses and Kelsey Leigh Boscaccy of Mundelein; Adam Roy Ferguson and Jessica Lauren Haley of Libertyville; Brett Jeffrey Holmes of Lindenhurst; and Nicole Marie Blackwood of Antioch; Thomas William Simon of Chicago; and Jennifer Lynn Laesch of Lake Forest; Patrick Kascher Carey and Eveanna Raleigh Lazarov of Fox Lake; Eugene Herman Holst and Donna Eileen Warp of Antioch; Daniel William Utech and Marianne Edith Burks of Mundelein; Ruben Hernandez and Lody Colin of Waukegan; Sean Michael Ronkoske of Lakemoor; and Shannon Jamie Sowle of Barrington; Peter Andrew Morawiecki and Melissa Beth Brodzik of Wildwood; Arturo Rocha Fernandez and Carlena Annetta Wilson of

Round Lake; James Vernon Proesel III of Lake Forest; and Katherine Meredith Crouch of Lake Bluff; Jorge Ulises De La Cerda-Morales and Luz Elena De La Cerda of Waukegan; Jaciel Martinez-Martinez and Gabriela Vicencio-Alvarez of Highwood; Michael Patrick Renninger and Erica Lynn McMahon of Lindenhurst; Kyle Richard Gronert and Sheryl Ann Tell of Kildeer; Miguel Fortino Francisco Hernandez and Nicole Jacqueline Murdoch of Mundelein; Jason Richard Christensen and Julie Ann Schreiber of Round Lake Beach; James Robert Pulliam and Linda Marquitta Hicks of North Chicago; David Joseph Castillo and Laura Marie Eaton of Antioch; Stephen Henry Newton and Jennifer Leigh Minor of Antioch; Abel Ramirez-Ortega and Miriam Billares of Waukegan; Bryan Monroe Green and Michelle Lee Haras of Antioch; Michael Anthony Lencioni of Antioch; and Erin Victoria Stein of Lindenhurst; Terrell Lavon Vickers and Christina Elaine Willis of Waukegan; Ryan James Rigdon and Guadalupe Ana Garcia of Gurnee; Steven James Sanders of Ingleside; and Debra Marie Neigel of Round Lake Beach; Jonathan Christopher Shafter and LaScya Stair Flowers of Waukegan

May 19-23

Oscar Gabriel Mendoza and Araceli Carrillo of Waukegan; Seth Benjamin Sherman of Grayslake and Pamela Gayle Hencel of Round Lake; Ryan Robert Johnson and Kryssia Abigail Lincoln of Mundelein; Kyle Lashawn Parsons of Waukegan and Sara Lynn Tomlanovich of Park City; George Redman Kinsley III and Rose Maria Chavez of Waukegan; Joseph Robert Doyle and Davida Lynn Henderson of Wadsworth; Juan Antonio Rocha and Danielle Sosnowski of Waukegan; Matthew Robert Porter of Mc Henry and Rhonda Lea Tessin of Winthrop Harbor; Dwight Edward Pillow and Sharon Louise Stricklin of Zion; Kevin Lee Hisle and Jacqueline Kay McNamar of Lake Villa; Leeshun Donte Abrams and LaToya Thompson of Waukegan; Andrew Christian Schaefer and Christine Elizabeth Gruca of Libertyville; Jared Trevor Booker of North Chicago and Jonikka Lanise Barnett of Gurnee; Ryan Michael Connolly and Kristen Marie Shaw of Grayslake; Matthew Fredrick Glunz and Julie Rene Duchane of Waukegan; Peter Christopher Arroyo and Jennifer Anne Jacobson of Lakemoor; Steven Eugene Swan and Melissa Hope Molitor of Lindenhurst; Lann Clifton Tarrant of Lakemoor; and Kristin Alyce Gumkowski of Lake Zurich; Raimundas Janulis and Ruta Ruth Kanaporis of Waukegan; Andrew Michael Lewis and Christine Michele Cantagallo of Lake Zurich.

>> OnStage

Good advice

Play about columnist has answers

By TOM WITOM
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"The Lady With All the Answers," an insightful one-woman play starring veteran actress Judith Ivey, is about popular newspaper advice columnist known as Ann Landers (real name: Esther Pauline Lederer, or Eppie to friends).

It takes place July 1, 1975, in her tiny Chicago apartment - nicely re-created on the Northlight Theatre stage - where she finds herself stuck "on the most difficult column I've ever tried to put together" since she began writing in 1955. Seated before her typewriter, the woman who counseled an audience of 60 million readers on every issue, including suicide, teen pregnancy, menopause and homosexuality (as well as how to hang one's toilet paper), confronts her impending divorce and is not about to have the public learn of her failed 36-year marriage from any other source.

David Rambo's play, which runs 1 hour 40 minutes with an intermission, starts out slowly, taking its time to lay out the background on how Iowa-born Eppie and her competitive twin sister, Pauline Esther (nicknamed Popo) Phillips, ended up fol-

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Judith Ivey as Ann Landers in "The Lady With All the Answers" at Northlight Theatre.

lowing similar writing careers, Popo being the voice of Dear Abby.

Her appeal in 1971 to readers resulted in an outpouring of nearly one million letters in support of a cancer research bill, after which President Richard Nixon signed the National Cancer Act. Before entering journalism, Eppie lived in Wisconsin and fought against Sen. Joseph McCarthy's election, making her mark with the local Democratic Party and befriending influential people, such as then Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

She freely admitted, "I'm not an expert on any subject, but I can get to the experts." In one of her first columns, she got Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to offer advice, which mightily impressed her editor at The Chicago Sun-Times, who

gave her the job. She continued with the syndicated column until her death in 2002 at age 84.

As written, Rambo's play has Ivey often break the "fourth wall" and connect directly with members sitting in the audience. It's an unnecessary distraction.

However, "The Lady" comes into its own during the emotionally charged second act when Ann Landers tells how she protested against the Vietnam War and personally visited hundreds of injured American soldiers in that country and followed up with 2,500 phone calls to loved ones on behalf of the GIs.

>> Out&About

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NIGHT & DAY

Dining & Entertainment Section

Second Wayne's Pizza Opens: More Of A Good Thing

By LESLIE GLAZIER-WERNER

Wayne's Pizza has been the place to go for pizza in the Third Lake/Grayslake area for the past 20 years. Now father and daughter

Wayne and Jessica Dayment, have teamed up to open another location at 333 Route 45 in Lindenhurst.

Jessica said they've been busy selling the same great pizza since

opening their doors on December 15. "Dad's recipes are very good. He took a long time perfecting them," she said. She added that her father has been making pizza for 30 years.

Twenty-one year old Jessica brings enthusiasm to the business, as well as 7 years experience working in her father's restaurant. She and the staff were warm and engaging, and the service was quick.

Wayne's has thin crust, "double decker", and pan pizza. The thin crust, cheese and pepperoni pizza I tried had a generous amount of fresh pepperoni sandwiched between two layers of melted cheese; the sauce had a satisfying punch.

The restaurant also has a full menu that includes hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, appetizers, and even dinners. "People really like our homemade Italian beef and our spaghetti," Jessica noted. Prices are very reasonable. For example, a 21 shrimp dinner with French fries and coleslaw is only \$5.95.

And don't forget dessert. Wayne's has soft serve ice cream and 8 flavors of hand-packed ice cream all year round. So try a shake or sundae and enjoy a bit of summer.

In addition to carry out and delivery, the new Wayne's Pizza has a fun dining area with seating for 40. The space has the feel of a 1950s diner, with stainless steel dinettes and vintage photos on the walls. The red, white, and black color scheme echoes this theme, along with model cars and a Coke machine from the period. The dining area is ideal for birthday parties and team get-togethers.

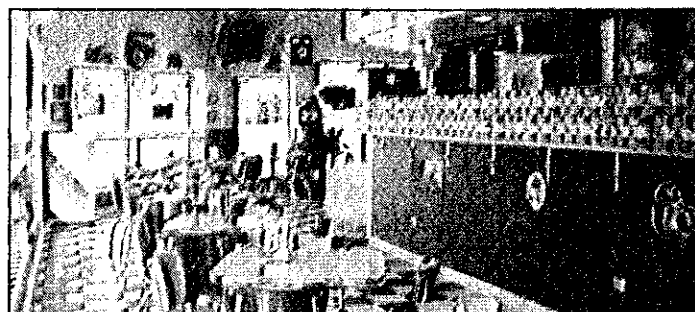
Wayne's Pizza also has a variety of catering packages to make your event a success no matter where the location. All their "party packages" are ready to heat and eat. Select from baked mostaccioli, Italian sausage, Italian meatballs, and Italian beef. Again, prices are reasonable. For example, a half tray of mostaccioli serves up to 12 people for only \$21.95.

Jessica said they hope to open more locations in the future. Here's to their continued success, because you can never get too much of a good thing.

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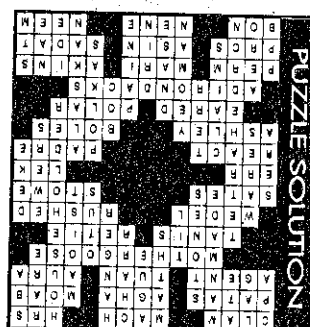
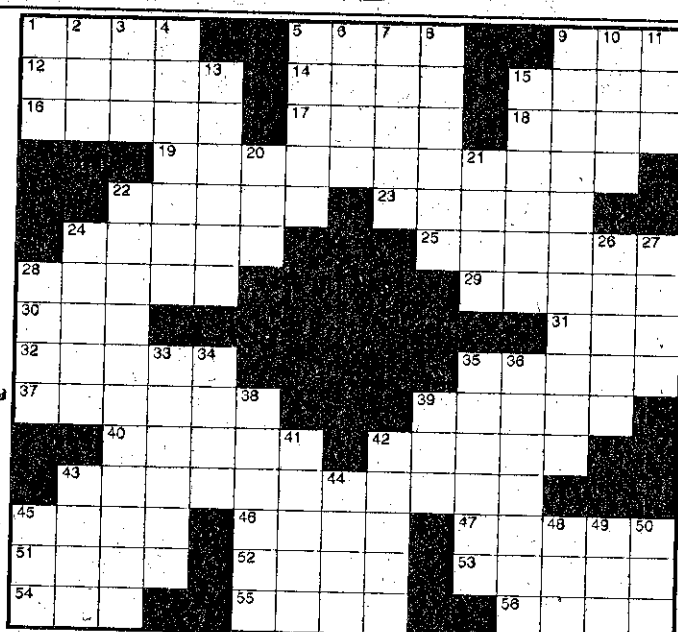
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ACROSS

- Burrowing marine mollusk
- Speed of sound
- Time units (abbr.)
- Hussar monkey
- Turkish title
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- For use in chemical reactions
- Sir in Asia
- Radiant light around the head of a saint
- Famous tale teller
- Ancient city of Egypt
- Tie once more
- Ski, alternating directions
- Moved swiftly
- Satisfies
- Vermont ski town
- Make a mistake
- Albanian monetary unit
- Respond to something
- Father (Span.)
- Scarlett's first love
- Character parts
- Appended for hearing
- Characterized by opposite extremes
- The largest US park
- Hair wave process
- Cheremis
- Planet of the Apes actor Claude
- Arguments in favor of
- 7th Hindu month
- Anwar, Egyptian statesman
- Good (Gaelic)
- Spanish baby boy
- Margosa tree

DOWN

- A certified accountant
- Fail to keep up
- Fed
- Of humans
- Sciences dealing with the logic of quantities
- Chills and fever
- Genus salvelinus
- Anything from which something can be hung



50. Abbr. for immediate memory

>> Horoscope

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you may be feeling a little unhappy about the behavior of a close friend or relative.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

You will be spending a lot of time outdoors enjoying the weather with friends and family. Taurus. Sporting activities will call to you and you will excel this week.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, when faced with an important decision,

you have all of the answers.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

A friend will come to you for advice. Cancer. Be sure to use a logical point of view when speaking to him or her. Romantic endeavors are put on hold.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Saturday will be an ideal day for light entertainment and company. Leo. Avoid travel on Sunday as you'll be recovering from a night spent hosting.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

This will be an especially satisfying week concerning work or business, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Your workload will be larger than usual this week, Libra. Overworking may cause stress, so find the time to rest and relax whenever you can. Keep clear of Aries on Tuesday.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, you could find yourself working on

more than one project this week. Try not to bite off more than you can chew because there won't be too many people around to help.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Difficulties at work or at home could be smoothed out easily with a bit of compromise on your part, Sagittarius. A bad attitude, on the other hand, will worsen the deal.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, just when you thought life was get-

ting a little humdrum something exciting comes your way.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, encouraged by what you've accomplished recently, your ambitions will be at an all-time high. With progressive thinking you'll only improve on your work.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

At work you will have to put in extra effort to get the results you want, Pisces.

>> Out&About

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Children are invited to bring their fathers (and mothers) to the Dad's Day Aqua Safari, which will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside.

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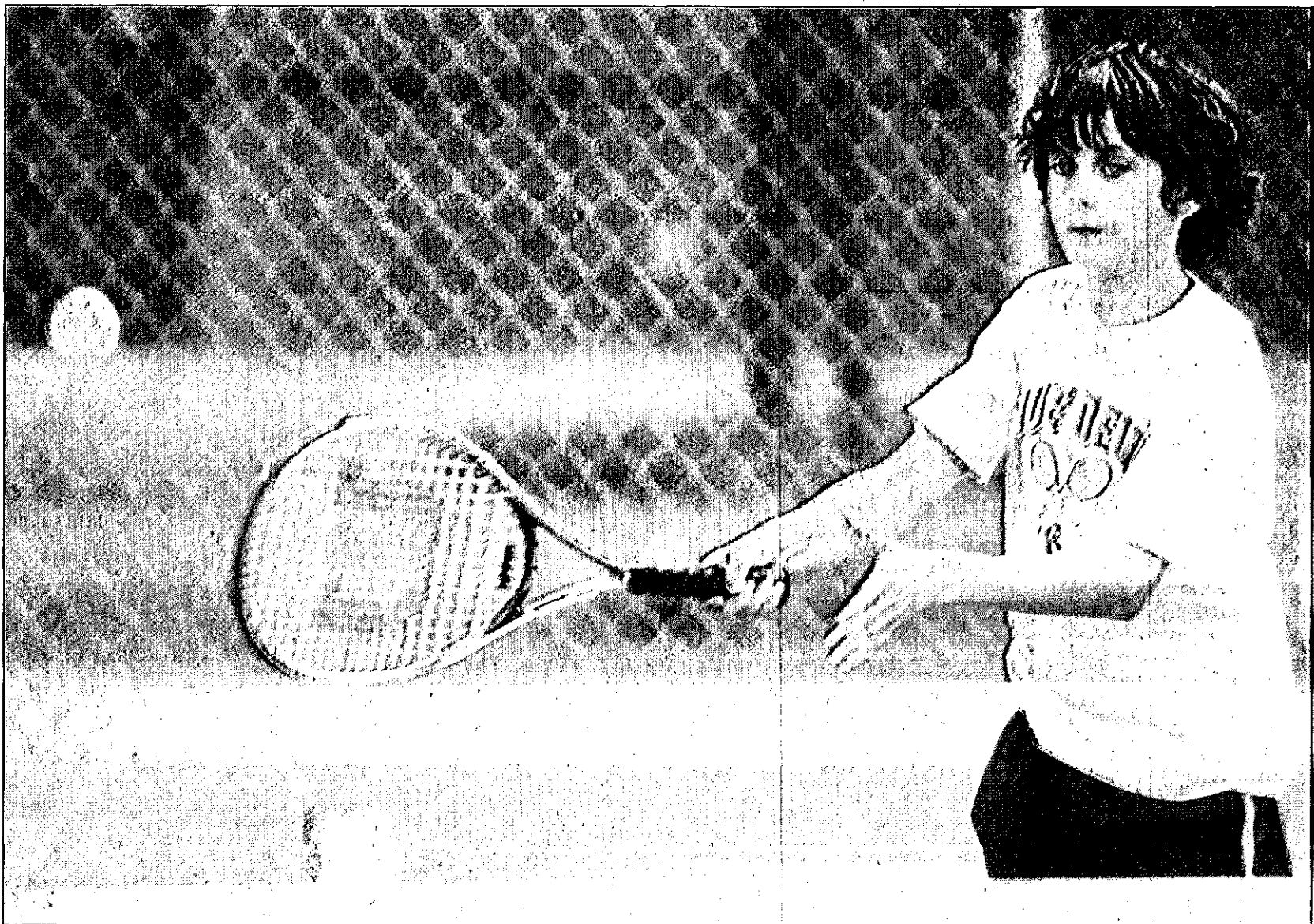
Make the best of the summer

Summer can be a tough time of year if you are a sports fan. Hockey season is over, NBA basketball is about to wrap-up, and prep sports are over. But instead of whining about having limited options, we can look for other ways to get our fill of sports. For you anglers out there, fishing is always an option. But if you want some tips, you would be better off reading Steve Sarley instead of me. The last time I picked up a fishing pole was probably 13 years ago. There are still other sports-related activities going on around the community. And with gas prices so high, it makes it harder to get to Chicago for a Cubs or Sox game.

Call up your local American Legion chapter. This is the time of year that students and other adults can't wait to get out on the field because it's usually warm and dry. Well at least we've got one of the two so far. Or if you are out on a morning walk, run, or stroll on a Saturday, why not stop by the local park and see what Little League games are going on. Sure, there aren't many scoreboards to keep you posted on everything that's happening, but it's an opportunity to enjoy a game and give you an idea of what the local high school has to look forward to in few years.

I'd also like to take the chance to congratulate the Mundelein High School boys water polo team. The boys were named conference champions and Lake County champions with a 23-9 record after their season ended at the sectional finals. According to a release, team standout Ricky Lukacs was selected to the third team of the All-State Water Polo Team. This is the second year in a row that he was selected to the all-state team. He was named third team last year. He also has been first team All-Sectional and All-Conference the last two years. Other team members also were honored. Kevin Coughlin earned the first team All-Sectional Award for the second year in a row; Pat Falconer is second team all-sectional; and Mike McClure received honorable mention all-sectional.

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John Westerberg, 11, hits the ball during Warren Township High School's Junior Excellence Program run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen. The Junior Excellence Program is open to tennis players in grades fifth through eighth, typically. Cohen also will bring in players from his varsity program to serve as coaches during the spring and fall sessions.

Exposing excellence
Tennis program takes the best, makes them better

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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GURNEE – Most young athletes spend the summer attending camps to improve their skills. But at Warren there is a program that is different. The Junior Excellence Program, run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen, is a camp that has two sessions: one in the spring and one in the fall. It is typically offered to boys in fifth through eighth grades. But high schoolers from other districts have participated, Cohen said. The program is organized like many programs. There are drills, exercises and playing time. But parents can't just register their kids for this program. It is an invitation-only tennis program, and invitations are based on what Cohen sees during the summer camp at Warren and the calls he receives from parents in surrounding areas. Cohen said it operates that way because he does not want to discourage anyone from playing tennis if the competition or situation is too tough. "They have to be ready to play because we do an hour of drill, and then they just do an hour of match play where they just get to play," he said.



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Samuel Gudeman, 11, plays at Warren Township High School's Junior Excellence Program run by Warren boys tennis coach Greg Cohen.

"If they love to come out and play tennis, but they don't know how to play a match, don't know how to score, can't serve, you know they're going to double fault four straight points. And it's not fun for anybody." Cohen must know what he's doing because 10 of his top 11 players on varsity this year were from the Junior Excellence Program. Cohen also has some of his varsity and former

varsity players help coach. Two of his coaches this year are doubles team members Igor Fedorov and Konrad Siczek, who finished in the top 24 this year and are both Junior Excellence alums. Some of the students seem to like that, including Bryan Hunt, 13. "I think [the program's] really great because there are some really good kids here, and I like how [Cohen] brings Konrad and Igor out just to help the camp," Hunt said. "And during matches, sometimes he'll let me play against them, so that's kind of fun." Hunt's parents, Gregory and Lisa, also like what the camp is providing for their sons. Hunt's younger brother Kevin, 11, also is a participant. "I think it's a really great program ... It's just a good atmosphere," Lisa Hunt said. "[Cohen] creates a good atmosphere. It's competitive, but he teaches them how to act appropriately." Gregory Hunt also likes how the high school coaches present themselves and act as good role models. The program has been going for about 8 or 9 years, Cohen said. One of the early participants is Brian Silverstein, former Warren tennis player and No. 1 singles player at Quincy University in Quincy.

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WEEKLY PLANNER

TEAM	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	ATLANTA 1:20 p.m. WGN, AM-720	at Toronto 6:07 p.m. CLTV, AM-720	at Toronto 12:07 p.m. CSN, AM-720	at Toronto 12:07 p.m. WGN, AM-720		at Tampa Bay 6:10 p.m. CSN, AM-720	at Tampa Bay 6:10 p.m. WGN, AM-720
	at Detroit 12:05 p.m. CSN, AM-670	COLORADO 7:11 p.m. CLTV, AM-670	COLORADO 6:05 p.m. WGN, AM-670	COLORADO 1:05 p.m. CSN, AM-670		PITTSBURGH 7:11 p.m. WCIU, AM-670	PITTSBURGH 7:11 p.m. CSN, AM-670
		WASHINGTON 7:30 p.m. WWME, AM-1690					at Los Angeles 9:30 p.m. AM-1690
				at F.C. Dallas 2 p.m. AM-1200 (Spanish)			
			at Georgia 6 p.m. FM-105.9				

Leading by example



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Warren's Igor Fedorov receives the Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award from Matt Gross of Ottawa. The Pitchford Sportsmanship award is for tennis players who show outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court. To read more, see PAGE 9B.

>> OutdoorExperience

Lessons learned on the pond with Ken

Ken Brown called to ask if I'd be interested in hitting a local pond with him after work on a recent weeknight.

I've fished the pond with Brown in the past and have always had excellent action.

After I threw my rods into Ken's truck, I realized that the fanny pack full of tackle that I had packed up, was still sitting on my kitchen counter. Brownie said, "Don't worry! I've got plenty of stuff for both of us."

I was mad at my negligence. I had picked out several baits that I thought would be effective for springtime area pond fishing.

I had packed a R-Trap Clatterbait, a Heddon Tiny Torpedo, some 4-inch plastic worms, along with weighted worm hooks and a pack of Gulp leeches. I hoped Brown had packed similar stuff.

We got to the pond and parked the truck. Brown picked up his bag of tackle and we walked to the shoreline.

I opened Brown's bag to find enough plastic worms, tubes, creatures and lizards to supply an army of anglers for a year. He also had a box of assorted spinnerbaits and frogs. I asked him, "Hey! Where the heck are your hooks and jigs?" The answer was, "You have got to be kidding me?" "I replied, "Nope! No hooks and no jigs."

We were left to fish with what we had on our lines.

Brown was fortunate enough to have a worm hook tied onto one of his rods. I would be forced to use a three-eighth-ounce blue jig that was far too heavy for the shallow water we would be fishing.

It was either use what we had or go home.

One reason I was hesitant to leave the water was because of the conditions. It was warm, with a gentle breeze and a big front was scheduled to blow in just before dark. The onset of a front often throws bass into a feeding frenzy. This was perfect weather.

The shallow pond was ringed with weed growth.

From the shoreline, you could go out about four feet before you encountered dense weed growth that went out another four to 12 feet from shore.

Almost immediately we found that the fish were stacked up on the outer weedline.

We needed to cast past the weeds and then slowly work our way back toward



Steve Sarley

them.

When the bait got close to the weedline - bam! - the strike came.

I caught a few fish on my too-heavy jig and worm, but I was getting frustrated watching Brown reel them in one after another on his worms. I had to switch to another bait, but what?

I knew it was too early in the year to try fishing with plastic frogs but felt that the fish were attacking so aggressively that the frogs might possibly work.

Fishing plastic frogs requires the use of superline. Monofilament has too much stretch to it.

When it's time to set the hook, you have to set it really hard. Fishing frogs requires patience.

When you feel the bite, you need to wait until the frog disappears underwater and you can feel the weight of the fish. That's when you set the hook as hard as you can.

I tossed out my frog and it was immediately attacked. It was a magical night. Cast after cast, when the frog got to the weedline, a bass would inhale it. Sometimes the bass would hit it right through the dense matting of weeds as I reeled it in.

Brown decided to try a frog, too. It was a good decision. We laughed as we caught fish after fish. I swear that in just more than 3 1/2 hours, we caught more than 100 bass between us. The fish weren't "dinks," either. Almost every one of the bass measured 13 inches or more.

The best fish landed weighed well more than three pounds and Brownie lost one near the shore that was a solid six-pounds-plus.

The front didn't come through until shortly after we left for home. It was a great excursion and I learned a few lessons.

First, always be ready to take advantage of perfect weather conditions when they present themselves. Keep a rod in the car; just in case a magic moment arrives.

Next, don't give up when things look bleak. I easily could have called it quits when I found myself, without the right tackle.

Lastly, don't be afraid to try something new or different. If I had been resolute in my thought that spring bass didn't hit frogs, I wouldn't have had such a great evening.

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You can learn to fish with the Lake County Forest Preserves at Independence Grove Forest Preserve near Libertyville.

Bring the kids. All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own, rod, reel and tackle.

Illinois fishing licenses are required for those 16 and older. "Learn to Fish" is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14. This program is open to adults and families with children aged 8 and older.

Participants meet outside the Visitors Center before hitting the lake to find a hotspot. All fishing at Independence Grove is catch-and-release. The cost for the program is \$21 a person (\$15 for Lake County residents). Register online at www.LCFPD.org or call 847-968-3321. Don't forget to bring your hats and sunscreen. Independence Grove Forest Preserve is on Buckley Road (Route 137), just east of Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21).

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There are a few openings still available for the next "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop, taking place from July 11 through 13 at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon, Ill.

This popular workshop introduces participants to a wide variety of outdoors recreation skills and activities.

The \$185 cost includes all meals, lodging, use of equipment, and course materials.

For more information and registration materials, click on the IDNR Web site at the following link: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/Bow/index.htm>.

• Northwest News Group outdoors columnist Steve Sarley's radio show, "The Outdoors Experience," airs live from 8-9 a.m. Saturdays on AM-560. Sarley also runs a Web site for outdoors enthusiasts, OExperience.com. He can be reached by e-mail at sarfishing@yahoo.com.

>> HometownSports

Summer tennis camp offered at Warren

GURNEE - Warren Township High School will offer a summer tennis camp at the Almond Road Campus. The camp will begin Monday, June 16, and will be for three weeks.

Tennis camp instructors will include Vince DeSecki, girls varsity tennis coach, Greg Cohen, boys varsity tennis coach and USPTA certified, and Michael Elder, assistant coach. Instruction will be provided by Warren tennis athletes such as Igor Fedorov, Konrad Siczek, Dan Gradner, Matt Schlais, Alice Wang, and Kim Cholewa.

Camp forms are available in the main offices of both Warren High School buildings, Woodland schools, Gurnee District 56 schools, St. Patrick's school, St. Gilbert's school, Prairie Crossing and Millburn.

For more information, contact DeSecki at vdesecki@wths.net, or by phone at 847-599-4731.

Youth basketball tournament has openings

WAUKEGAN - North American Youth Sports still has openings for its annual summer regional youth basketball tournament. The tournament is from July 11 to 13 at Hinkston Park Fieldhouse in Waukegan.

This tournament will feature 10 brackets. The following are those brackets: Fifth-sixth grade boys; fifth-sixth grade girls; seventh grade boys; seventh grade girls; eighth grade boys; eighth grade girls; ninth-10th grade boys; ninth-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls.

All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

Entry fee for this tournament is \$260 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. Awards will be presented in

each bracket. June 20 is the deadline for entry. For more information or an entry form, call 866-352-5915 or tournament director Jim Ross 847-662-0297.

Antioch High School looking for coaches

ANTIOCH - Antioch Community High School is accepting applications for coaches for the 2008-09 school year. The following positions are available: head girls golf coach and assistant wrestling coach. Teaching openings are available for English and special education. Interested applicants should contact Steve Schoenfelder, athletic director, at 847-838-7630.

Basketball camp looking for players

GURNEE - There will be a Mike Small camps for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through eighth. The camp at Woodland Middle School in Gurnee will be from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-8.

For information or to get a registration form, visit www.mike-small.com. People also can call 847-635-8437 or e-mail info@mike-small.com.

Blackhawks youth camp comes to Vernon Hills

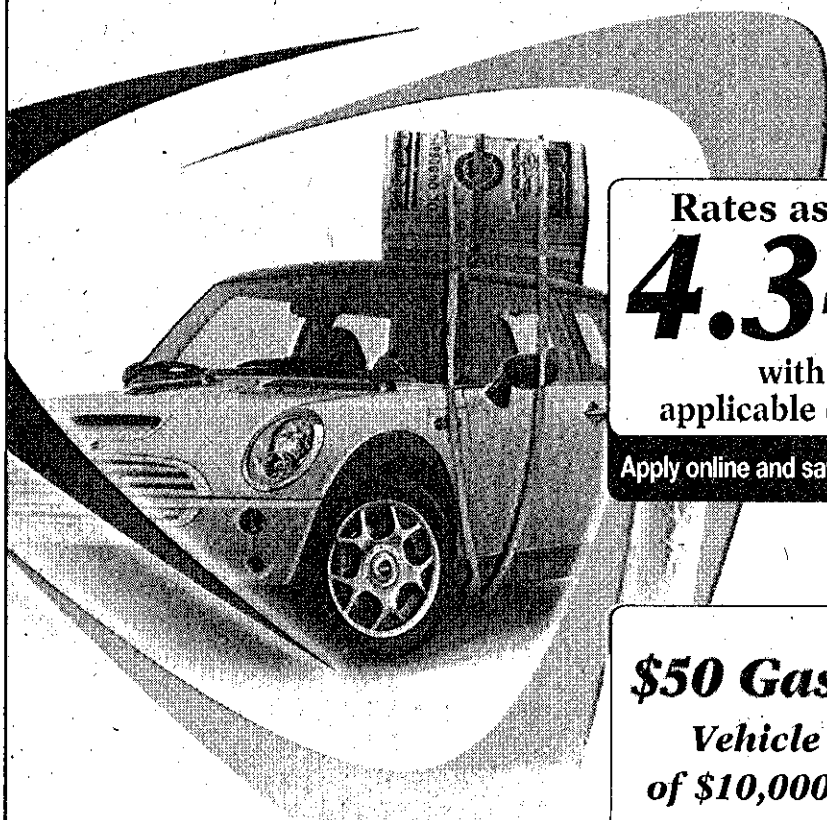
VERNON HILLS - The Glacier Ice Rink in Vernon Hills will host a Chicago Blackhawks Youth Hockey Dream Camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 years old. The camp will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from July 21 to 25.

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For more information on the camp schedule, curriculum and registration, visit www.BlackhawksCamps.com, or call 312-226-0002.

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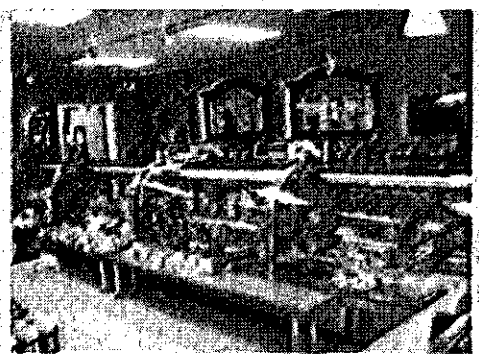
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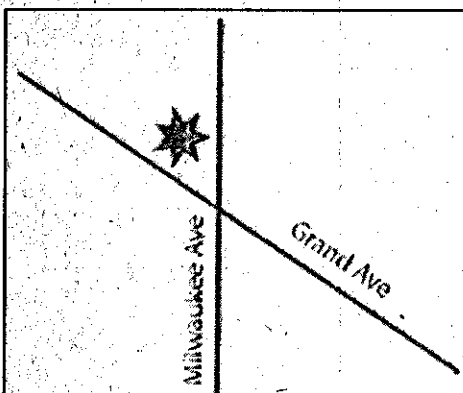
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Warren tennis player and Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award winner

Warren senior wins sportsmanship award

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Cohen wanted to know whether Fedorov won the award so much that he called Mighty Mites Awards - where

Even though Fedorov is proud of winning the award, he couldn't help but say his partner, Siczek, played a part in it.

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Thursday, June 12

5-11 pm	Taste of Libertyville	Church St.
6-11 pm	Carnival	Church St.
6-11 pm	Beer Garden (21 & older)	Civic Center
6-8 pm	Gwalla Gwallas (all ages show)	Main Stage
6 pm	Fruit Pie Bake Off	Cook Park
8-11 pm	Adult Idol Contest (all ages show)	Main Stage

Friday, June 13

9 am-4 pm	Lions of Illinois Hearing Bus	Cook St.
10 am-Noon	Children's Party (kids under 8 yrs.)	Cook Park
	<i>Admission free w/ non-perishable food item. Bring up to 10 to win more chances to win raffle prizes.</i>	
11 am-11 pm	Taste of Libertyville	Church St.
Noon-11 pm	Arts & Crafts Show	Cook Park
Noon-11 pm	Carnival	Church St.
Noon-11 pm	Guitar Hero with DJ/VJ Rus Fritz	Cook Park
Noon-12:30 pm	Anam Mor Irish Dancers	Cook Park
2 pm	Children's Cookie Bake-Off	Cook Park
	<i>Open to ages 8-15. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.</i>	
2-4 pm	John Robert Powers Academy	Cook Park
2-5 pm	Libertyville's Own Mike Beck	Main Stage
3 pm	Libertyville Junior Iron Chef	Civic Center
	<i>Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Middle School students only.</i>	
6-11 pm	Beer Garden (21 & older)	Civic Center
5:30-7:30 pm	Sockeye Slim (all ages show)	Main Stage
5 pm	Libertyville Wee Idol Contest	Cook Park
	Grades K-4	

7 pm	Libertyville Junior Idol Grades 5-9	Cook Park
	<i>Pre-registration appreciated. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.</i>	
8-11 pm	Skip Towne & The Greyhounds (all ages show)	Main Stage
Saturday, June 14		
9 am-4 pm	Lions of Illinois Hearing Bus <i>Free Hearing Screenings for all ages.</i>	Cook St.
7-11 am	Pancake Breakfast	Civic Center
10 am	Libertyville Days Parade	Train Station- Rockland Rd.
10 am-11 pm	Arts & Crafts Show	Cook Park
11 am-11 pm	Taste of Libertyville	Church St.
Noon-11 pm	Carnival	Church St.
Noon-3 pm	Brainerd Community Center	Brainerd Bldg. Open House
12:30 pm	McNulty Irish Dancers	Cook Park
1-11 pm	Beer Garden (21 & older) Beer Garden Family Hours 1-6 pm	Civic Center
1 pm	John Robert Powers Academy	Cook Park
2 pm	Crimson Blades Fencing Academy	Cook Park
1-4 pm	Chris Bryan (all ages show)	Main Stage
4:30-7:30 pm	Loose Connection (all ages show)	Main Stage
6-10 pm	Battle of the Bands	Cook Park
	<i>Prizes: 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50</i>	
8-11 pm	Big Mouth (all ages show)	Main Stage

Sunday, June 15

9 am-2:30 pm	Corvette, Chevy & Chevy Powered Street Rods Show	
Noon	Libertyville Pageants	Cook Park
1-4 pm	Tokyo Fish Market	Main Stage
1-6 pm	Arts and Crafts Show	Cook Park
1-6 pm	Carnival	Church St.
1-6 pm	Beer Garden (family hours)	Civic Center
1-6 pm	Taste of Libertyville	Church St.
1-6 pm	Father/Child Guitar Hero Contest	Cook Park
2-6 pm	John Robert Powers Academy	Cook Park
4-6 pm	Top 3 Battle of the Bands	Main Stage

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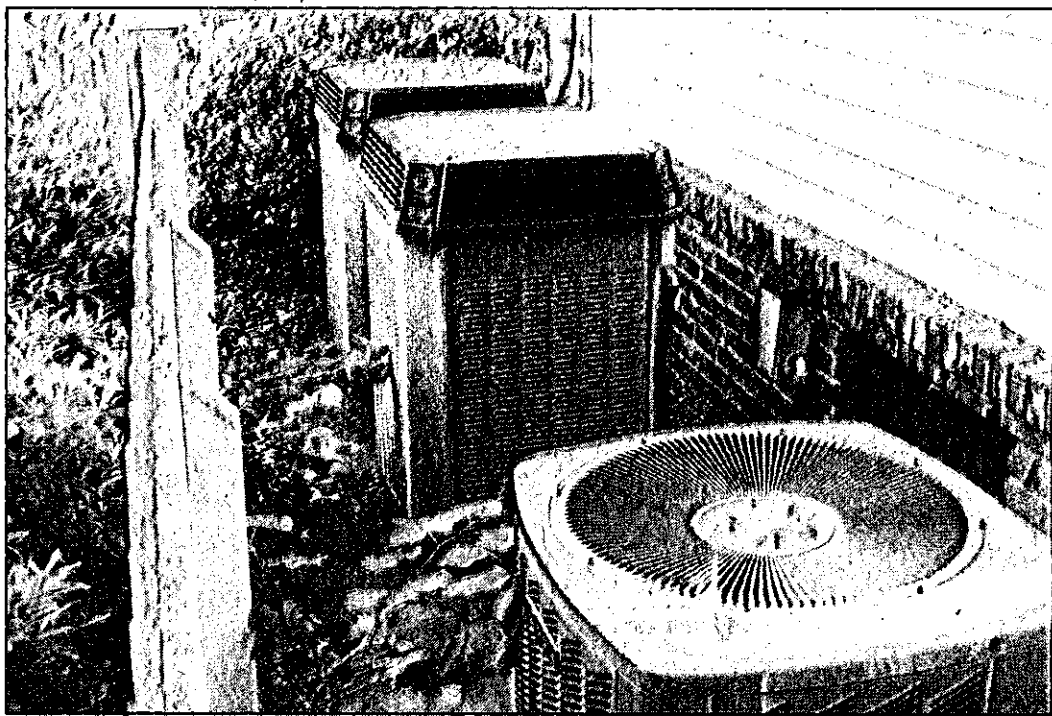
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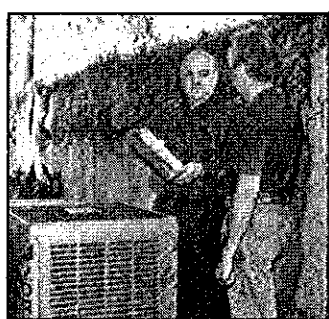
(NAPSA)-It's important for homeowners to take charge of their heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system before it takes advantage of them. This can be achieved by obtaining a Preventive Maintenance Agreement (PMA) through a reputable, licensed and insured HVAC contractor. Doing so will extend the life of the system and save you money. Similar to performing regular maintenance on your automobile, maintaining your HVAC system can help it provide years of optimal comfort. With a PMA, which is usually offered for a yearly fee, a technician will come to your home to test and inspect your HVAC system before any minor issues turn into major problems. Although different PMAs are available, technicians usually visit a home twice a year—once before the cooling season and once before the heating season—to ensure everything is working properly. Another all-inclusive option is a lifetime PMA that includes the cost of all maintenance, repairs,

components, emergency service and equipment replacement.

It's important to remember that warranties are different from PMAs. A warranty will only last for a certain amount of time and sometimes only applies to specific parts of an HVAC unit. If a part is not working and it's still under warranty, the manufacturer will provide a free replacement part. However, since warranties don't cover labor, homeowners will still be responsible for installation costs.

While it's important to have a service technician carefully inspect your unit to uncover any refrigerant leaks, soot, rust, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires, there are also a few simple maintenance tasks, recommended by the HVAC experts at York(r), a brand of Johnson Controls, that homeowners can perform to improve their units' performance:

- Clear debris away from intake and exhaust vents to ensure unobstructed airflow.
- Check the thermostat wire



It's important to have a service technician carefully inspect your air-conditioning unit to uncover any refrigerant leaks, soot, rust, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires.

entry point and, if necessary, apply caulk, so a draft won't influence the thermostat reading.

- Remove supply and return registers to see if the ducts need to be cleaned.

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How green is your fine flooring?

(NAPSA)-If you want a beautiful floor that's also green, think laminate.

A recent study considered the ecological and economic factors in making, using and recycling or disposing of the most popular and attractive flooring choices: wood, carpeting, PVC, marble, ceramic and laminate. The study assessed the ecological effect of these flooring choices to determine how laminate flooring measures on the green scale.



Four areas were considered:

Energy Balance

Eco-efficiency is the total energy consumed in the production, installation, cleaning, heating and disposal. Laminate flooring and carpeting tied as requiring the least energy over their lifetimes.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Potential

This assesses CO2 emissions associated with the floor through its useful life cycle. All products ranked the same.

Recycling Effectiveness

This tracks the energy needed to recycle a product. Laminate flooring topped the list thanks to its low emission levels in production and reusability, as well as the low generation of waste in production and installation.

Consumption of Resources

This considered the use of materials such as limestone, iron ore, phosphorus, potassium chloride, sulfur, salt, gas, oil and coal.

To the relief of many who appreciate a beautiful floor as well as a better world, laminate flooring and solid wood performed well given their use of renewable and sustainably managed wood floor materials.

Laminate flooring has an additional advantage: It's made almost entirely of materials that are not useful for other things and would otherwise be incinerated or used for landfill.

The study concluded that the advantages of laminate flooring will continue to grow. That means an environmentally friendly product that is also beautiful can be the choice of many homeowners for years to come.

Another important factor that's not so easy to measure is style. Some home decorating ideas, designers say, "ugly out"; that is, people tire of and replace them before they get a chance to wear out. Many believe that's where laminate flooring has the greatest advantage. Not only do its good looks improve with time, but it works well with just about any style or decor.

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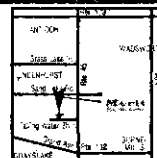
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"It's amazing the way it's grown," Silverstein said. "He started it from nothing. It really develops people into quality tennis players."

Silverstein credits Cohen's dedication to the program's continued success.

"He's really an amazing coach. ... He uses all the drills you use in varsity practice for the younger kids, and it really allows them to develop," Silverstein said.

Cohen first started junior excellence as something open to boys in the Woodland School District, but the next year that changed.

"We wanted to open it up to

everybody," Cohen said.

A lot of the program's students are from the Gurnee area including Samuel Gudeman, 11.

"I think it's a very good program because I love to come out and hit, and it allows me to be myself," he said.

With all that Gudeman has learned at the program, one thing stands out - sportsmanship.

"You lose some and you win some," he said. "Just learn to have fun."

Having fun is one thing that Cohen tries to stress at the camps.

"I think in everything we do, we stress tennis is just one small thing in life," Cohen said.

Cohen also quoted John

Wooden, UCLA's highly-regarded former men's basketball coach: "Sports doesn't build character, it reveals character."

Even though operating the Junior Excellence Program in addition to a summer camp might take up more of his time, Cohen said, it keeps him energized.

"This year was the best year of tennis for me in my life," Cohen said. "This is the type of year that, if you're a coach, it's the ideal year to say this is it. I'm done. It can't get any better than this. And the next day, I was back out ... and I get a chance to watch these fifth-graders ... and I think, oh my [gosh]. This is going to be a great year, eight years from now."

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Ultimate gymnast in top 10 at nationals

GURNEE - Ultimate's Blanca Federico can now claim a top 10 in the all-around at nationals.

Federico, a first year Level 9 gymnast with the Gurnee-based club, turned in an incredibly consistent performance at the recent Level 9 Eastern National finals in Dayton, Ohio, over Mother's Day weekend. She scored 9s on all four events, placed sixth on floor exercise and seventh in the all-around, scoring an impressive 36.625 in the Senior B age group. Federico was competing as a member of the Region 5 team,

which included top gymnasts from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Teammate Kacie Holop, competing in the Senior D age group, turned in an impressive performance on floor, to also claim a sixth-place finish on this event. Both girls helped their regional team (Region 5) to dominance at the event, claiming first place team honors in all 8 age groups. Federico's showing at nationals tops a great season for the Grayslake gymnast, who took gold on floor at the Illinois State Championships in DeKalb last month.



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